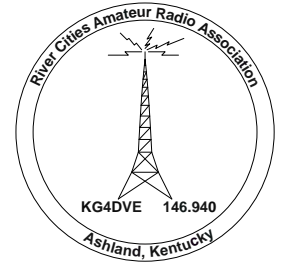




Minutes River Cities Amateur Radio Association January 6, 2009



Members Present: Bill Osborne, AA4WO; Matt Tinker, AA4XA (President); Jan Osborne, AG4JO; Ken Bramblett, K4IT; Roger Castle, K4QYK; Dan Huffman, K4VTA; Vernon Leeper, KA4OIL (Treasurer); Tim Wright, KD4OVM; Mark Riggs, KD5KMR (Secretary); Sheila Easterling, KG4BBD; John Easterling, KG4IVM; Don Canterbury, KI4AGR; Scott Jacobs, KI4GSF (Vice President); Frank Certian, KI4WAZ; David Vest Sr., KZ4G; Cameron Smith, W1RVC; Bob McLaughlin, WB8UYA

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Matt AA4XA.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report

The club had a balance of \$1215.71 on December 31, 2008.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Announcements

1. Mark KD5KMR Local Net Certificate
2. Dan K4VTA Life Member Certificate, Local Net Certificate
3. Don KI4AGR Local Net Certificate, Co-Net Manager Certificate
4. Vernon KA4OIL Local Net Certificate, Co-Net Manager Certificate

Old Business

1. Committees
 - (a) Education Committee. VE testing will be Saturday, Dan K4VTA Vernon KA4OIL, Bob WB8UYA, Jan AG4JO 9:00 am.
 - (b) Repeater Committee. John KG4IVM reported new repeater cost \$1417.97, \$43.00 is the min payment. The repeater was set for 35 watts, not the maximum of 50 watts. Currently using battery backup. We have received good signal reports from Portsmouth OH and Richmond KY. Will try to hook up the CAT-1000 controller Saturday.

A discussion of using a tone on the repeater occurred. Dave KZ4G moved Roger K4QYK seconded that we not use a tone on the repeater. The vote was 6-4 in favor of keeping the tone.

- (c) Activities Committee. Vernon KA4OIL suggested we contact National City Bank concerning our hamfest, Frank KI4WAZ will contact to check with the new management.
- (d) Emergency Communications. Members are encouraged to check-in on the local and district ARES nets.
- (e) Finance. Dan K4VTA reported on near term expenditures and suggestions for making up the difference.

Dan K4VTA moved and Frank KI4WAZ seconded a raffle for a webbook computer. Motion passed. Tickets will be available next month. Jan AG4JO will get the best price and purchase the computer and then Vernon KA4OIL will reimburse.

- (f) Tax Exempt Status. Application of the 503(c) is being completed.

New Business

1. Ten meter rag chew net. Dave Blanton will be the net controller.
2. Membership campaign. Matt AA4XA brought list of 162 operators in Boyd and Greenup Counties.
3. District 9 meeting Jan 24th in Ashland. Dan K4VTA moved Dave KZ4G seconded pizza for the meeting. Registration 8:30 am meeting starts at 9:30 am.
4. Digital TV assistance. Mark KD5KMR responded to ARRL request.
5. Old Equipment. Discussion on the club's equipment, Jan AG4JO moved and Dan K4VTA seconded that the club sell all excess equipment except the Kenwood repeater.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 3rd, 7:30 pm at the Salvation Army Meeting Room, 2212 Carter Avenue.
