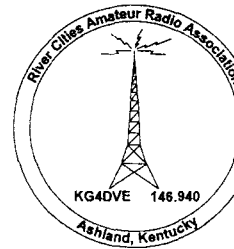




Minutes River Cities Amateur Radio Association March 4, 2008



Members Present: Matt Tinker, AA8P (President); Dan Huffman, K4VTA; Roger Castle, K4QYK (Vice President); Vernon Leeper, KA4OIL (Treasurer); Mark Riggs, KD5KMR (Secretary); Sheila Easterling, KG4BBD; Jan Osborne, KG4GOE; John Easterling, KG4IVM; Don Canterberry, KI4AGR; Scotty Thompson, KI4AT; Scott Jacobs, KI4GSF ; Ray Mecca, W4RVM; Bob McLaughlin, WB8UYA; Mary Thompson, assoc.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Matt AA8P.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report

The club had a balance of \$1145.68 on Feb 29th 2008.

Announcements

1. Fund raising is important. Roger K4QYK described logging software that could be sold at the hamfest. The author of the software provides the copies up front and then gets a cut for any copies sold. Scott KI4GSF moved and Sheila KG4BBD seconded the sale of logging software at the tailgate hamfest, motion passed.

Old Business

1. Committees

- (a) Education Committee. Tech and General classes will be this Fall. There will also be some mini-courses, for example, DX-101 a 4 hour course. Matt AA8P will teach the course.
- (b) Repeater Committee. Repeater will be going back to Tarpin Ridge. Verizon will install the new antenna when they move our repeater to the other building. The club could install the new antenna now, but it would cost at least \$250 to change the antenna.
- (c) Activities Committee. Tailgate hamfest April 26, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.
Field Day 2008 - Scott KI4GSF suggested the Walmart Parking Lot for Field Day. Vernon KA4OIL obtained the special event call signs K4K for field day and K4S for Summer Motion.

- (d) VE Team. April and September will be the next testing.
- (e) Emergency Communications. Matt AA8P and Scott KI4GSF attended the emergency communications meeting held on the 23rd.
There will be an 80M net on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm beginning in April.
Tuesday 9:00 pm will be the 2M Link net.
District web site will be coming up before the next District meeting.
The district 9 Management team will meet March 22.

New Business

1. Reinstatement of Tri-State Two Meter Net. Ray W4RVM moved and Don KI4AGR seconded the reinstating the Tri-State Two Meter Net. Motion passed.
2. Summer Education Program at ACTC. Scott KI4GSF moved and Dan K4VTA seconded the RCARA sponsor a College Camp class for the ages 10-13.
3. New Club Call Sign. Matt AA8P suggested we consider changing the club call sign.
4. Jan KG4GOE moved Sheila KG4BBD seconded linking our repeater to the Lousia repeater, motion passed.

Program

Repeater Linking Project - ARCS ARC Paintsville, KY

Matt AA8P and Scott KI4GSF described the District 9 repeater linking project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 7:30 pm at the Ashland Fire Department Meeting Room, 11th Street and Carter Avenue.