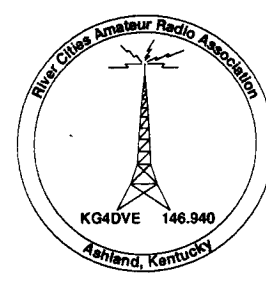




Minutes River Cities Amateur Radio Association May 6, 2008



Members Present: Matt Tinker, AA8P (President); Dan Huffman, K4VTA; Roger Castle, K4QYK (Vice President); Vernon Leeper, KA4OIL (Treasurer); Tim Wright, KD4OVM; Mark Riggs, KD5KMR (Secretary); Sheila Easterling, KG4BBD; John Easterling, KG4IVM; Don Canterberry, KI4AGR; Scott Jacobs, KI4GSF; David Vest Sr., KZ4G; Ray Mecca, W4RVM; Bob McLaughlin, WB8UYA;

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Matt AA8P .

Secretary Report

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report

The club had a balance of \$1,451.68 on April 30.

Announcements

1. Silent Key Wilson Reeves, KS4VP, was remembered.
2. Tim KD4OVM completed VE training.

Old Business

1. Committees

- (a) Education Committee. Forms for the ACTC summer camp were distributed.
- (b) Repeater Committee. The Link is up and running. Vernon KA4OIL will turn the link on and off when needed. Vernon KA4OIL used aluminum foil to block the commercial radio interference.
- (c) Activities Committee. Around 70 people attended the tailgate hamfest with 15 tables.
Field day. Scott KI4GSF will do a MARS setup. The club will operate two radios, one for cw and one for phone.
- (d) VE Team. Testing is on Saturday May 10th.
- (e) Emergency Communications. Greenup county DES is working on maps. Roger K4QYK provided new maps of Boyd and Greenup counties.

New Business

1. ACTC College Camp. ARRL has kits for education. Scott KI4GSF moved Sheila KG4BBD seconded the club purchase four sets of the basic electronics course.
2. Repeater Repair. Dave KZ4G suggested we look at having a spare repeater available. Roger K4QYK noted the need to have a spare if we are serious about emergency communication. A new repeater is available for \$1,269. Ray W4RVM moved Dan K4VTA seconded that we obtain a backup repeater, motion passed. The repeater committee will look at options.
3. New Raffle or other ideas for fund raising. Vernon KA4OIL suggested raffling gasoline. Members will bring ideas
4. Ashland Bicycle Club - National Trails Day 5-31-08. The Bicycle club ask for the RCARA to provide radio communications for the first 38 miles of the ride. Matt AA8P will email the members with addition information.
5. Rally on the River. September 20th proposed date for ARRL clubs in District 9 to get together for seminars, forums, ARES meeting, special event operating, and barbecue. Recommendations to be finalized at the next meeting.
6. Vertical Antenna for Emergency Communications. The club decided to take a look at the 32 foot antenna with a tuner at a later time. The antenna and tuner would be a little over \$300.
7. Vernon KA4OIL will send a thank you card to the bank for using their facilities for the tailgate hamfest. x

Program

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 pm at the Ashland Fire Department Meeting Room, 11th Street and Carter Avenue.