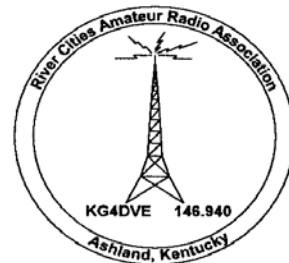




Minutes River Cities Amateur Radio Association October 2, 2007



Members Present: Matt Tinker, AA8P (President); Roger Castle, K4QYK (Vice President); Mark Riggs, KD5KMR (Secretary); Bill Osborne, KF4WAJ; Sheila Easterling, KG4BBD; Jan Osborne, KG4GOE; John Easterling, KG4IVM; Don Canterbury, KI4AGR; Scotty Thompson, KI4AT; David Vest Sr., KZ4G; Tim Wright, KD4OVM; Ray Mecca, W4RVM; Jim Holbrook, WA4OOP; Bob McLaughlin, WB8UYA; Frank Certian, KI4WAZ; Scott Jacobs, KI4GSF; Mary Thompson, assoc.

Also present: Fred McMullen, KD8GRJ.

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm by Matt AA8P.

Agenda

1. Introduction of new members. Scott Jacobs, KI4GSF, was introduced.
2. New committees.
 - (a) Education. Jan Osborne KG4GOE chair.
 - (b) Emergency Communications. Matt AA8P chair. Ray Mecca, W4RVM vice chair, Tim Wright KD4OVM, Don Canterbury KI4AGR.
 - (c) Repeater. Vern Leeper, KA4OIL, chair. Mark Riggs, KD5KMR.
 - (d) Special Events and Activities. Roger Castle, K4QYK chair. Frank Certain KI4WAZ.
 - (e) VE Team. Dave Vest, KZ4G, chair.
 - (f) Club Custodian. Vern KA4OIL.
3. Club Programs. October Fred McMullen, KD8GRJ, from the National Weather Service.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report

The club had a balance of \$671.83 on September 30, 2007.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Announcements

1. Future Programs. The November meeting program will be on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party. The January program will be on the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN).
2. Matt AA8P showed a picture of the new Kentucky amateur license plates.
3. New website. The club will soon have a new website at www.rcara.org
4. Hamfest. 10 Nov 2007 is the Central KY Hamfest in Richmond, KY sponsored by the Central Kentucky Amateur Radio Society.

Old Business

1. Picnic report. Matt AA8P circulated minutes from the picnic which was the September meeting.
2. Committees
 - (a) Education Committee. Jan KG4GOE reported the status of the classes. One student in the Tech class and, five students in the General class. Nov 17th is the test day. Thursday night, October 11th is the last time to join the Tech class.
 - (b) Repeater Committee. New antenna has been purchased. Full inventory of equipment associated with the repeater needs to be reported to the club.
 - (c) VE Team.
 - (d) Emergency Communications.

New Business

1. Activities for 2008. Jan KG4GOE moved and Ray W4RVM seconded the motion that the 2008 activities for the club consist of Tail Gate Hamfest (April), Field Day, Summer Motion, Club Picnic(September), and Christmas Dinner.

Scott KI4GSF suggested that we include at least one veterans activity in the future such as a Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day (ARMAD).

2. Fund Raising. Vernon KA4OIL will chair a fund raising committee. Goal is to have \$3,000 by this time next year. Money will be for emergency communications expenses.
3. Saturday, Jan 19th, 10:00 am. Emergency communications Summit Meeting for District 9 will be held at the fire station. Scott KI4GSF moved and Jan KG4GOE seconded the motion that the club host the meeting.
4. The club discussed ways to expand through working with the local schools and other groups such as the scouts.

Program

Fred KD8GRJ provided all attending the meeting the National Weather Service SKYWARN Storm Spotter Basic Severe Weather Training.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 pm at the Ashland Fire Department Meeting Room, 11th Street and Carter Avenue. .