

## Minutes of the February 2006 Dial Radio Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, W8EH, at 7:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

Members present: K8CM, WD8DFK, N8DHW, WA8DTU, W8EH, N8GGE, W3GP, N8HP, W8ISZ & Marg, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, W8MVN & Bonnie, WB8MVT, N8NQF, N8TFH, N8TQG, KC8TXA, KC8W0F, KB8WKL, W8WLM.

A motion to suspend the reading of the past month's minutes and to approve them as published was made by Ron, N8NQF, and seconded by George, W3GP. The motion passed.

Ron, N8NQF, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership of 71 persons representing 47 families. Money has been sent to Hamvention for the club's usual flea market spaces including 6 early admission tickets. Roy, N8LRN, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Lori, W8LKU, seconded. The motion passed.

Ernie, W8EH provided the station report. All of the repeaters are functioning except the 440 MHz unit which has a bad transmitter. The old transmitter has been removed from the repeater and is awaiting repair.

Beverly, N8GGE, reported that two examinees were present for the Exam session held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at MUM. Both candidates passed the elements they came prepared to take. As a side note, one of the examinees was a 13 year old Technician Plus that upgraded to general and is an avid CW operator. The General Class Course is scheduled to begin on March 22.

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

Jim Frey, W8ISZ and his wife Marg were sponsored for membership in DIAL by Ron, N8NQF. The motion to approve was made by Ron, N8NQF and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome Jim and Marg.

Finally, Ernie, W8EH, reiterated that the Smith Park site for Field Day has been reserved and confirmed, so that none of last year's surprises are expected to be repeated. While speaking of Field Day, Ernie suggested that the president will appoint a Field Day committee upon his return or (the) "President will head the Field Day committee since he hasn't done anything so far this year".

The Business Meeting was closed and Matthew Robbins, AA9YH, presented an interesting program on Radio Orienteering – the combination of traditional map and compass orienteering and ARDF (amateur radio direction finding). Matthew has represented the United States in the International Championship and brought a very nice set of apparatus that he uses along with memorabilia from his competitions that he shared with those in attendance. Matthew told of

considerable orienteering and radio orienteering activity in the tri-state area and invited anyone interested to come take part in the fun. He stayed afterwards for one on one discussions and to demonstrate his equipment. We are grateful for the fine program.

*Submitted by Barney Taylor, N8HP, Secretary*