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Monthly Meeting...

Tom, KC9EGB

Meeting started at 7:00pm. 22 members were present.

Minutes of April meeting are passed out.

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance in checking is \$8530.75 Treasurer's Report is approved.

Bill, KA9FER mentions that dues should have been paid by April 1st. The door code has been changed. Kurt, KB9RKU has the new code to given to paid members.

Bill asks Frank, KF9NZ about status of the proposed constitutional amendment. It was published. Pat, KC6VVT mentions that the amendment is flawed. Will be discussed later in the meeting.

Activities: Kurt gives a report on upcoming hamfests. Weather spotting classes are done for the year. Joe, KB9EZZ mentions training opportunity at LaSalle County EOC on May 6th. Field Day and Extreme Race are coming up. Eldon, KB9PZA mentions MacLean County ESDA has a new communications vehicle that could be useful for the race.

Buildings and Grounds: Cecil, KB9LNK has gas for mower will get grass cut on Saturday. Need to finish work to straighten leaning tower behind building. Joe mentions deed. Bill says to wait until after hamfest to check it out.

Meeting minutes are approved.

Field Day: Joe asks about food for FD. Bill says it will depend on hamfest earnings. Joe will ask IL NG for MRE donation. Joe says FD classification should be 6A IL. Discussed batteries for FD. Have to test and recycle bad batteries.

Hamfest: Tom, KC9EGB is in charge for now. Cecil sold tickets at Sterling. Tom sold tickets at Galva. Will make real effort at Sandwich. Rich, N9OUW needs help with security. Eldon has badges printed. Mark, K9ZQ asks about workers prizes. Pat says give a plaque for best worker. Discussed using gasoline fill up for prize. Need people to sign up to help.

Membership: Frank says membership book should be voted on. Vote later in meeting.

Repeater monitor: Rich says heard a little static on repeater, but seems to working better now. Bill and Frank mention tweaking the repeater. Bill talks about being polite and courteous when using the repeater. Kurt wrote cross band repeater frequencies on big board. These are shared freqs; have to play nice!

Repeater maintenance: There was a low receive audio problem that affected the controller operation. Frank worked on it last Saturday. It turned out to be poor wiring connection on "66" block. Bill explained how to redo connections. Antenna connections need to be checked. Moisture seems to affect repeater. It could be lightning related. Have to get someone to climb tower. Bill says after hamfest.

Bill asks about taking a break. Pat moves to have a break.

Meeting resumes at 8:08pm.

Mark wins World Radio subscription. Pat thanks club for reimbursing him for passing EC tests. Frank mentions SM election.

Old Business: Frank presents proposed amendment. Frank moves for acceptance and Tom seconds it. Bill asks for discussion. Eldon is concerned about board of directors vacancies. Pat is concerned about absentee ballots. Pat would like to table the proposal until it is clarified about election procedures. Rich seconds. Ayes carry with three Nays.

Kurt asks to table his proposed amendments; Pat seconds. Amendments are tabled

New Business:

Frank has the club generator and wants to dispose of it. Mark will take it away. Will make a determination as to scrap it or sell it.

Joe mentions tower and antennas in Ottawa that need to be removed. Get with Joe after meeting.

Bill wants hamfest message on repeater. Frank will do that.

Bill moves to adjourn. Rich seconds.

Meeting ends at 8:39pm

ARRL Field Day is Coming.....

Joe, KB9EZZ

The public is invited to join the Starved Rock Radio Club during an emergency communication exercise June 24 at Chief Shabbona County Park.

The exercise is designed to test operators' abilities to set up and Operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of electricity. "We want the community to know that in the event of an emergency, we will be ready to assist in any way we can, says SRRC's Joe Tokarz. "While people often think that cell phones or other Communications technologies have replaced ham radio, we can still provide an important communications service that others can't."

The exercise is a serious test of skill, but it is also a contest for Fun and the largest "on-air" operating event each year. During the 24 hour exercise starting Saturday at 1 pm, radio operators contact as many other stations as possible using voice, computers, television, satellites and morse code. More than 30,000 operators across the US and Canada participated in last year's event.

"We hope that anyone who is interested in seeing what Amateur Radio is all about will come out. Amateur Radio exams will begin at 10 am and the exercise starts at 1 pm," says Joe Tokarz.

Extreme Race...

Joe, KB9EZZ

What are you doing Saturday July 29th from 2 AM to 8 PM?

Over the 18 hour period, we will need about 50 hams to provide communications during this event--a foot/bike/kayak race covering about 20 checkpoints in a 80 square mile grid.

Our job is to safely account for all race participants.

Think of a spreadsheet with 2 columns and 50 rows. There will be 50 4 person teams-the rows. And the two columns represent the checkpoint the ham is at and the previous checkpoint--the team is coming and the team has leftour checkpoint.

Mid America Xtreme Adventure has worked with ARES in Wisconsin before. Let's show them 'how-we-do-that' here in Illinois!!!

Streator Red Cross in Need of Volunteers... Keith, KB9VFX

The American Red Cross of the Heartland – Streator Unit is in need of disaster volunteers in it's service area. If you are a current Red Cross Disaster Volunteer or are interested in becoming one, contact Dwayne at the Streator Unit 672-2682 or stop in the office at the Streator City Hall, 204 S Bloomington St – Downstairs between 9:30 and 1:30pm Mon-Fri.

Upcoming Events...

**June 12, 2006
SRRRC Monthly Meeting
7pm
Clubhouse, Leonore IL**

**June 24, 2006
ARRL Field Day – SRRRC Operations
Shabbona Park
Harding, IL
VE Session will be held at 10am Walk In's Welcome
Contact: tomchrom@hotmail.com**

**July 29, 2006
Mid Extreme Race
Starved Rock State Park
Utica, IL
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