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The February Meeting of the Starved Rock Radio Club was called to order at 7:05pm. There were 23 members. John, N9ZAK, a former president of the club and renewed member was recognized.

The January meeting minutes were passed around for club members to review and a motion was made by Kurt, KB9RKU and Dennis KC9EXG to approve. Vote passed. Area weather spotting classes were discussed, Kurt, KB9RKU reminded members to check the NWS website as information can change. Mark, K9ZQ mentioned that weather spotter cards were issued to those who previously attended a class.

CLUB NETS

The SRRC holds a weekly club net on Wednesday evenings at 7pm on the W9MKS Repeater located at the clubhouse in Leonore, Illinois. The net is held on a frequency of 147.120 (+ 103.5) and is an open net.

Mark, K9ZQ gave the treasurer's report and motion to accept report was made by Kurt, KB9RKU and Tom, KC9EGB. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Bill, KA9FER referred to solicitation letters from the Tonica and Lostant Ambulance Services. Keith, KB9VFX says Lostant is first responder for Leonore and Utica. Bill asks Keith to find out which service to make a contribution from club.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Monday, March 6, 2006

7:00 pm

Clubhouse in Leonore, IL

Before the meeting, there is an informal Dutch dinner at Smitty's Tap located across from the clubhouse beginning at 5pm.

Keith, KB9VFX sent out January issue of "Static" and had some bounced e-mail addresses. He needs to get responses from club members about receiving it as some members didn't get the e-mail version.

Kurt, KB9RKU mentioned SRRC flyers and advanced tickets were available to sell at the Sterling and Sandwich Hamfests. There will be workday on Feb. at 10 am. Frank, KF9NZ brought up finishing the backroom and Tom, KC9EGB mentioned grounding rods.

Cecil, KB9LNK and Eldon, KB9PZA have no new projects to report for Buildings and Grounds.

In the equipment report, Kurt is working on another repeater. The old repeater cabinet was used to put in Cecil's loaner repeater in cabinet and move APRS equipment into the cabinet also. Kurt would like to find a rack mount computer case to put in a BBS. Paul, KA9VAU has MFJ TNC and D410 radio. Kurt and Paul are working on a 440mHz 9600 baud BBS to cover the county. Kurt said we can't have a 2m BBS at the club house.

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Joe, KB9EZZ has nothing new to report on Field Day and mentioned CERT classes starting Feb. 15th. Contact Joe at cert61350@yahoo.com, if interested.

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In the hamfest report, Matt, KB9VZH says flyers have been mailed. Got 11 ticket requests and 12 tables have been sold to Chicago Surplus. Volunteers are needed to learning the hamfest for 2007 and help is still needed for 2006. There was discussion about using a TracFone or answering machine for sales. Eldon will check out options for a contact phone. A 2007 Chairman for Hamfest. Is needed. Kurt mentioned the 2007 state convention. Tom mentioned a plan to promote this year's convention.

Frank passed out a proposed membership booklet and it was discussed.

In the Net Control and Repeater Monitor reports, Joe said Sunday and Wednesday night nets are doing well. Bill asked about having a net control protocol. Kurt will find copy of that. Rich, N9OUW says repeater is working good.

During the Repeater Maintenance Report, Frank reported on last months repeater meeting. Didn't not get much input on repeater. There will be a training session for the controller at the next repeater meeting. Bill has donated a Motorola MSR2000 repeater. Frank explained its features and that it has lots of "Bells & Whistles". More information will discussed at repeater meeting. Joe, K9PHW has an opportunity to get batteries from the nuclear plant. Batteries are quite large. Discussed options. More at repeater meeting.

Joe, KB9EZZ will discuss public information/relations during new business. Frank mentioned need for "Elmers". Need volunteers.

In old business, Frank passed out a copy of proposed amendment to change voting. Frank reads and explains the proposed amendment. (Proposal is attached to meeting minutes.)

Discussion was held on the proposal. Frank mentioned that this version of amendment doesn't have absentee ballots. Motion to accept as read passed and a motion to table to next meeting was passed.

Tom read a reply from Joe Musial's family in response to memorial donation. Donation was forwarded to IVARC.

In new business, Joe, KB9EZZ spoke of NWS advanced training March 10-11. Costs \$25. He also reminded members of the Extreme Race in July. Tom asked about Joe's request for "40 new hams by April 1st." Joe is optimistic. There was discussion on having Tech sessions and license classes. Joe asked for mentors to help out. Discussed route of Extreme Race and need to staff checkpoints. Tom asked about support and info to use to generate interest in ham radio in Bureau County and elsewhere. Mark mentioned QST articles about the race organization and info for interested persons.

Keith entioned Streator Hobby Show in April, which is generally held the 3rd weekend in April. Need to get volunteers to help out and get that info to show's organizers in March. Bill asks Keith to put info about show in next "Static."

Rich makes motion to print and bind w/cover the new membership booklet. Frank seconded it. Discussion about best way to do this, Paper or CD? Frank says to read proposed member booklet. Rich motions to table his previous motion and Kurt seconded.

Bill asks for anything more in New Business. Tom motioned to close meeting. Keith seconded. Meeting ended at 8:23 pm. Recorded by Tom Chromzack, KC9EGB.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment:

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> Article IV shall be changed to read as follows:

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> **A. Nominations**

> Nominations for all offices and Directors for the following calendar year shall be made at the regular meeting in November of each year. Nominations must be seconded, and the member may decline if present. At least three members shall be nominated as Director. Members not present may be nominated only if a written signed acceptance is presented at the meeting. Members may only be nominated for one office. If nominated for more than one office they must decide which to decline, or be removed from the lower ranked office.

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> **B. Method of Balloting**

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> 1. The slate of Officers and Directors shall be distributed to all members in a timely fashion. It may be published in "STATIC" or otherwise by electronic methods, or by U.S. Mail.

2. At the December meeting prepared ballots with the names and calls of the members nominated shall be distributed to all members entitled to vote. Members will vote for three candidates for Director. The ballots shall then be collected and the vote counted and tallied.

3. A member must receive a majority of votes to be elected as an Officer. If no one receives a majority, additional balloting between the members receiving the highest number of votes will be conducted. Candidates receiving the three highest number of votes will be elected as Directors. Additional balloting will be conducted in case of three way tie.

> 4. In case of disputed ballots, or ballots where the intent of the elector

> are not apparent, and which may decide an election, the Chair will at once appoint three members to retire and render a decision.

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> 5. In case of vacancy of any office other than Director, nomination, publication,

> balloting and election shall take place in the same manner at the next two meetings after the vacancy occurs.

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> **D. Assumption of Office**

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> Members elected at the general election in December will take office at 12:01 AM, January 1 of the following year. Members elected to fill a vacancy will take office at once. In case of failure to elect for any office held by an incumbent, such incumbent will continue to hold office until a successor is elected.

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> **E. Removal from Office**

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> Any Officer or Director may be removed from office by vote of the membership conducted in the same manner as the election. A vote of three-fourths of the members in favor of removal will be required to cause the removal.

Emergency Preparedness

The following question and answer was recently posted on the SRRC Email Reflector

What are the NIMS requirement for volunteers? In particular our Search and Rescue volunteers and CERT volunteers. Thank you!

Answer

As volunteers, you are not required to comply with the National Incident Management System and Incident Command System. However, volunteers are part of the emergency response community and they should understand the common terminology and role responsibilities inherent in both systems. We strongly recommend that volunteers, especially S&R and CERT volunteers, take ICS-100, ICS-200 and IS-700. They should take IS-800 if they are a part of command structure.

Upcoming Events

HAM RADIO EXAMS

March 11, 2006 10:30am, Fossil Ridge Library, 386 W Kennedy Road, Braidwood, IL / Contact: Mike R Hughes (815) 560-3200 or mikhughes01@shcqlocal.net

March 21, 2006 7:30pm, Guy V. Prisco Center Fox Valley Park District, 150 W Illinois St, Aurora, IL / Contact: Douglas A Reneker, (630) 355-0190 or w9rd@arrl.net. Sponsored by Fox River Radio League

March 25, 2006 12 Noon, Starved Rock Radio Club, Leonore, IL / Contact Thomas B Chromzack, (815) 646-4488 or thomchrom@hotmail.com

WEATHER SPOTTING CLASSES - Thanks to K9NYX

March 11, 2006 8:00am, Wheaton College, Edmund Chapel - Advanced Spotter Training, There is a fee and pre-registration is required / Contact: Dupage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgt, (630) 682-7925

March 14, 2006 7:00pm, Sandwich Opera House, 140 E Railroad, Sandwich IL / Contact: Sandwich EMA (815) 786-9321

March 22, 2006 7:00pm, Ottawa High School Auditorium, Ottawa, IL / Contact: LaSalle County EMA (815) 433-5622

March 29, 2006 7:00pm, Illinois Valley Comm. College Auditorium, Oglesby, IL / Contact: LaSalle County EMA (815) 433-5622