



Elkhorn Valley Amateur Radio Club

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Meeting Minutes February 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Club President, Terry Lich.

Members present Fred-K0FJW, Mark-WD9FYU, Terry L.-W0TDL, Nick-KB0GMQ, Terry R.-N6YSC, Shane-KE0APG, Monty-NR0A, Dave B.-WB0YXH, Sonja-KA0EZA, Sue-KD0JE, Chris-W0CAL, Dave S.-KD0HEU and Ron-N0ZQR.

Minutes from last meeting were read. Motion by Ron, second by Dave B. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read. Motion by Nick, second by Monty to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Monty advised test session is on February 13th at the Norfolk Public Library. Session starts at 5:30 PM.

President Lich read out the committee assignments and who the chair was on each.

New Business:

Terry R. led a discussion on how to grow the club. Discussion was held on getting Middle School/Junior High age kids interested. It was suggested to possibly work with the STEM program. Also, that the ARRL had a program that provided assistance to teachers to utilize amateur radio in the classroom. Terry R. will check into the schools and the STEM programs.

Discussion was held on Yaesu offering the repeater purchase program again. They have

a limited number of Reconditioned DR1X for \$400. This is the same repeater we use for 2 meters. They are also offering the DR2X for \$700.00. This repeater is also dual receive, so it can be controlled on 70CM. It was suggested if the club purchased a DR2X, it would be used to replace the Motorola 70CM repeater, and allow us to have control via RF, as we have no remote control on that repeater. The program will continue to June 30th, 2020. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on the club equipment and inventory. Nick is working on this. Also, discussion was on selling surplus club equipment, such as the old repeaters, etc. No action was taken.

Discussion was had on getting more active in ARES and offering our services to the City of Norfolk and the EM region. Not as storm spotters, etc., but as communicators for health and welfare, additional coms or whatever we are needed for. An example was the shelters from the flooding last March. If hams were used, the EM and public safety people would not have had to have someone at the shelters to provide coms back to the EOC. At the direction of the club leadership, Fred spoke with the City of Norfolk Public Safety Director on the topic. He is interested, and a meeting will hopefully be set up sometime in the spring to discuss this topic.

Discussion was had on the Tri State Hamfest. The club decided to leave that idea on the back burner, as we have not had any response to our outreach to the area clubs. We will continue to concentrate on the NE Nebraska Hamfest we host.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Wiebelhaus, KOFJW
Secretary/Treasurer