

Elkhorn Valley Amateur Radio

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> February 12, 2022 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 by club president Shane, KE0APG.

Members present were Fred, K0FJW, Terry L., W0TDL, Terry R. KF0ATX, Sue, KD0JE, Sonja, KAQE2A, Mark, WD9FYU, Dave, WB0YXH, Ron, N0ZQR, Nick, NB0GMQ, Monty NR0A, Shane, KE0APG, Andy, KF0CSI, Tod, N0HWL, Aaron, KT0Q.

Minutes were read by Aaron. Motion by Monty to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Sue. Carried.

The Treasurers Report was read by Aaron. Motion by Fred. Seconded by Dave B. Carried

Introductions were made by the group.

Committee Reports

Discussion of committee assignments. If anyone would like to be on a committee please let Shane or Andy know. A list of the committee assignments is on the website.

Monty reported that there is a test session on February 17.

Repeaters. Aaron brought up the topic of voice activation or a way to differentiate between the 440 and the 73 site. Monty suggested we modify the Morse and add an addendum to the repeater callsign. Aaron gave a reminder on the 73 that we need to give a break between talkers. Audio quality is sounding better coming through the system.

Old Business

The multi county response team was discussed. Madison: waiting on Rick and waiting on Doug. Stanton: Waiting on Mike. Tabled for now until we hear from the contacts. Fred suggested going to the ARES website and there are two trainings. Links are on our website.

Winter Field Day update: Terry R. gave the update. 8 people participated from the club. Terry L. got the most contacts. Thank you to Shane for allowing the use of his garage. It was a great opportunity to figure out how to use your gear on the go. Suggestion to figure out some club simplex frequencies.

Terry R. addressed the club shirt purchases. It will cost \$7-10 for the embroidery/vinyl. T-shirts are \$10-12. Jackets are up to \$60.

Break for Breakfast 9:04 - Reconvened at 9:39

Continuation of Old Business:

The internet at 73 site is being looked into by Shane. Will Fogle is looking into it the Pierce Telcom side of things and will hopefully get back to us in the next few weeks. Fred discussed the history of the internet at the site.

Monty and Aaron discussed the donation of \$100 that was given to QSL.net

Talk commenced regarding the club clothing. We will have Renegade give us firm prices on official club shirts. Request by Dave B. to ensure that we have pockets on both a T-shirt and a polo. Sonja mentioned call signs being on the front. Other clothing can be purchased at the discretion of the club members. Discussion commenced. Terry R. will continue the research.

New Business

We would like to try to have more get togethers to "play radio." These would be in addition to regular meetings. Terry R. mentioned doing a POTA activation together.

There was discussion regarding pursuing grants for the tower trailer and the possibility of an enclosed trailer for radio and equipment setup. Tabled to find more information.

We have had recent contacts who asked about mentorship programs. We will try to identify those in the club who would serve as Elmers.

Discussion was held about the interest in outreach activities like Scouts and the Color Run. There is a course to take for the Scouts, but it is fairly easy according to Fred. Tracy Yost is the Scout executive in the area.

Split the pot was won by Terry R. and he donated the proceeds to the club.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23.

Respectfully Submitted, Aaron Mathis, KT0Q Secretary/Treasurer