

LM AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MTG. MINUTES 2/24/10

Meeting called to order by Gene Marshack 12:05 PM

Remote Station: WA6GFY Mt Umunhum – Is the telephone for the 1.2 GHz repeater turned off? Frank Stelwagon KD6TNF reports the line has not been terminated yet and being left in the hold zone on several occasions to turn off the line. Both the 440/220 MHz repeater and 1.2 GHz repeater share the same phone bill and run risk of shutting down wrong line. Hugh Hagel KG6YDE suggests going to AT&T store instead of the phone method. Others concurred about lousy termination service.

Club station:

Gene reported the station had been cleaned up (i.e. obsolete electronics, paperwork, papers, etc.). Also, 2 data and 2 voice lines had been requested from the facilities group. A company issued Lenovo desktop computer has been delivered to the shack and waiting for the data line drop. Hugh KG6YDE mentions the club needs to prepare a new list of costs for the tower, antenna and installation company. Need to have this available on short order (~30 to 60 days) approval cycle. Some discussion about who should install the antenna (in-house vs. outside contractor).

Emergency Communications:

Gene reported about meeting with Bob Fields: discussing the role of the Amateur radio club during emergencies; participation with the various building evacuations; Bob Fields has a more favorable view of the club based upon recent activities; Hugh Hagel KG6YDE explains his interpretations of the club's role in emergency communications for the company; remote controlled radios (on-campus) [e.g. Software Defined Radios HF- UHF] between the EOC and club shack were discussed; John Harris N6UOP and Hugh openly discussed various models that could fit the need; Bob Fields in favor of this option especially keeping the transmitter away from the EOC and billboard size activity monitor; Hugh KG6YDE mentioned Bob Fields is willing to procure two mobile radios with remote head capability;

Club Finances

Frank Stelwagon KD6TNF provided the club's financial status ~ \$1100 [Checking & Savings combined (my best guess – didn't write it down)]

NEW BUSINESS:

Geoff Day K6GSA mentioned club support for the Mount Hamilton Challenge and Ascent – limited show of hands for event support (Day, Hagel, Harris)

Action: Geoff to contact the event coordinator to solicit if club support required this April; also report to club the actual event date to newsletter editor; ECD: ???

Action: Hugh Hagel & John Harris to put SDR (Software Defined Radio) proposal or at least remote head capable VHF/UHF radios; ECD: ???

Action: Gather new bids for antenna/tower installation and get local quotes from new local installers. Assignee: Fred Saunders, Hugh Hagel; ECD: ???

Action: Have newsletter editor send out an email to conduct a straw poll for future club meeting time and location preferences; daytime B/157 X-7 Conference Room [12 Noon] or off-site location on a weeknight evening [e.g. 5 PM at Jake's Pizza, meeting at 6 PM, adjourn 7 PM]

Added: Don't leave items you don't want to get wet during rain season as B/074 perimeter is prone to flooding during storms.

Added: Ham shack sign is being made for B/074; Note: request has been submitted to facilities per Hugh Hagel

NOTE: Next club meeting date was not discussed at this meeting

Meeting adjourned by Gene Marshack 12:59 PM PST

Minutes prepared (by memory) from Geoff Day K6GSA
Revised: 2/26/10

ATTENDEES:

NAME	CALLSIGN
Gene Marshack	N6LDH
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Fred Saunders	KB6GLO
Lowell Gordy	AF6BI
Todd Ferguson	KG6WIW
Rich Pederson	KE6EZ
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