

# Mercer County Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2012

The Mercer County Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 6:30 PM on the above date. Those in attendance were as follows:

- Glenn Phillips, N4VAY
- Michael Sims, KE4YUC
- Chuck Bugg, KK4EYF
- Donnie Sims, KF4ALR
- Linda Hager, KD4CSY
- Sam Kindred, KC4HWA
- Mickey Stapleton, AJ4OI
- Ben Sears
- Willie McFerron
- Martha Anderson
- Jeff Middaugh

### Secretary's Report

Club Secretary Ben Sears read the minutes from the December meeting. Ben noted a minor correction. Ben made a motion to accept the minutes as amended with a second from Mike, KE4YUC. The motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Cub Treasurer Willie McFerron states that there were no expenditures during the previous month leaving a balance of \$53.50 in the Club's treasury.

### Old Business

- Repeaters
  - Glenn, N4VAY and Mike, KE4YUC installed the Pion & Simon PSE-508-2 controller in the GE MASTR II repeater on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mike, Glenn, and Chuck, KK4EYF, then moved the repeater to the McCroskey tower site on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Glenn states the repeater's coverage area has improved greatly; stations as far away as Georgetown have been able to talk on the machine.
  - Mike States that he received an email from Tim Osborne, K4TDO on January 16<sup>th</sup> regarding the frequency coordination. Tim states that his frequency coordination assistant is no longer with SERA and that he is trying to catch up. He sees no problems with our application and hopes to have it finished soon. The repeater continues to operate at low power pending coordination on the new repeater pair.

- Ben states that the McAfee fire station now has high speed Internet access which will be available for the radio room.
- Mike states that the Kenwood TKR-720 repeater is at Rick's Music and Electronics Shop in Clay City to be programmed and tuned. The owner, Rick Wasson, KC4TUK, has done work for the WRARC club in Danville in the past.
- Glenn states that the Club is in need of a second VHF duplexer for the back-up Kenwood repeater.

### New Business

- Ben states there will be a ham radio license exam session on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Red Cross building in Danville.
- Glenn pointed out that there is a lot of activity on local 2 meter and 6 meter nets. The Club discussed starting a net once we have the repeater up and running on the new frequency. Mike is going to look into developing a net control protocol. The Club members will need to listen to other area nets and determine which night to hold the net.
- Mike states that the JAWS club in Nicholasville is coordinating another group purchase of commercial low band VHF radios that have been tuned for service in the 6 meter band. Contact Bill, N4LG, in Nicholasville to purchase a radio.
- Mickey, AJ4OI, inquired about ARES activity in Mercer County. Mickey states that James, KE4LZP, may still be the ARES coordinator for the county but it is believed that he is in poor health. Several Club members expressed interest in emergency communications. The Club will consider holding EMCOMM trainings in the future.
- Field Day – Glenn states that the ARRL Field Day event is held annually in June and that the Club should participate. Mike states that the WRARC club has actually held their Field Day event in Harrodsburg in recent years. Mike will contact the WRARC club to discuss holding a joint Field Day exercise this year.

The next Club meeting date was set for February 22, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the McAfee Fire Department training room.

Ben made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mike. The motion carried and the meeting closed at approximately 7:50 PM.