Meeting Minutes 06/2018

The after-Field-Day meeting began promptly at 7PM with these people in attendance:

Albert	KE0LOL	George KD0NME
John	N2AO (QBH)	JoDee KDORNC
Harold	K0DYK	Russ AD0QH
Bill	KD0FJR	Rob NOSNW
Greg	N0GR	Derek WOTYG
Paul	WBOGXD	Wayne KN0WDJ
Norm	WA0JYD	Craig KD0YTI
Kevin	N0MHK	Rich WA0ZQG
Ron	KRON (QET)	(17)

Treasurer Greg N0GR reported \$7,496 in the bank, a small decline due to F/Day expense but four (4) new members from that same activity (with some small bills like ten gallons of gasoline still to be paid).

Mention of **Field Day** started a discussion and first on the minds of everyone was the stunning array of foods produced by our new member Craig KE0NEU who gave us dinner, dessert, and other items. Norm JYD said we ought to make a proclamation to which all agreed and applauded. Proclaimed. Thank you Craig!

F/Day Chairman for 2018 Greg N0GR repeated the word 'dessert' several times as he described the results. First on the list was points or number of QSOs. 364. Two hundred ninety four phone contacts, 25 CW, and 10 digital. They count 2x each so add seventy to the 294. Mostly 40M.

Greg displayed lists, charts, graphs, and maps from the **N3FJP** logging software used. No DX contacts (too many loud American stations) and sections highlighted in **red** if we didn't get any contacts from that area. We got most states.

Two generators were there, Greg's 7.5kW and an unused 5kW model. The 7.5 kW did it all, running continuously for 24 hours plus. At night you could see the red hot muffler glowing. Perhaps ill advised, it was refueled twice (2x) while running. George NME said it would be safer to run diesel, but the initial cost and necessity to have 2 different kinds of fuel for the seasons make diesel impractical for this kind of temporary use. Sometimes member Ron WD0GCN and his son Ryan KD0FJQ made many of our 294 total. The son was an absolute machine. Other operators included LOL, FJR, YTI, Allen KC0JHA, and Mike KD0HZF. Fifteen (15) in all.

The other Greg W0LGQ (his father's call) put up a 40M dipole. The open wire feed was broken at the antenna end, fixed by club president LOL using a small gas operated torch and solder. The safety officer (Greg N0GR again) said we had three (3) ground rods, but didn't mention the refueling process on the running generator.

Back to club business, the printed Minutes were approved with small errors noted, and then Norm asked how to submit articles for publication on the site – SWIradio dot org – and if we could put 'how' in the printed Minutes. Yes. Send your stuff to one of the people with access to the site: Albert LOL

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The Red X building has been sold to the Lakin Center, owner of the rest of the buildings on the block. Red Cross continues to occupy most of the building except the front room where we used to meet. That's an office now. We meet in a back room and can't see out front where people might be knocking on the window to get in the locked door. Also, access to the radio room is somewhat restricted (through that office now). And, the Yaesu 7800 is gone. Reread that.

Albert LOL added Icom, HRD, the ARRL, and N3FJP software to sponsors of our display at the Offutt air show in August. Note this for later.

John QKH took a lightning strike and lost an antenna, rig, power supply, and router that works with our Fusion repeater to add WIRES-X functionality. Greg GR will discuss with QKH.

Minutes by club Secretary, Rich WA0ZQG