Minutes 07/2018

Albert LOL always brings in a nice large flag and pins it over the white board. We joined in the pledge, and then introduced ourselves.

Albert	KE0LOL	Ron KR0N
Keith	KE0AEP	Craig KEONEU
Barb	KE0EGG	George KD0NME
Don	WOAF	JoDee KDORNC
Bill	KD0FJR	Steve KEONWN
Greg	N0GR	Derek WOTYG
Paul	WB0GXD	Craig KD0YTI
Norm	WA0JYD	Rich WA0ZQG
Kevin	NOMHK	(18)
Robert	KC0MUX	

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and our Treasurer's report was \$7,445 which was accepted for audit. A recent expense was a Poly Phaser lightning protection device for the UHF Fusion repeater on Ch. 6's downtown tower. It's model UHF50HN with 'N' connectors in and out. The only correspondence was the bank statement and a dues check from John KE0NWM.

Repeater

Paul GXD said, based on his long experience and ownership of the 442.525 repeater, that running more power on a UHF repeater transmitter does not result in more range, but does 'fill in' nooks and crannies with the coverage area. (This in response to us using 40 or 20 Watts output on the Fusion 225 repeater in Omaha.)

Repeater Trustee N0GR said his 442.075 Minden repeater is 'connected' to our Fusion, but only when it's in FM mode, not digital C4FM.

Paul GXD said that Art UWR down the hill in Glenwood IA is noisy getting into 225 FM, but clear as a bell when using the digital mode. That's how digital works, real good or not at all.

Old Business

Ron WD0GCN and his son won the prize for making the most contacts at Field Day. (This is recognition, not an actual prize.) Greg submitted the report to ARRL and Albert LOL sent in docs. Look for us listed in the December QST.

New Business

George NME again proposed a 'Field Day' event for the club, getting together outdoors for an operating event to promote the ability to do so. Seven (7) hands went up expressing support: JYD, NEU, NWN, AEP/EGG, W0AF, ZQG. George suggested a weekend after the 08 Sept Omaha Flea Market.

Late News: Craig NEU spent his own money to reserve a shelter on the South side of Manawa, and has checked with the ranger on putting wires up in trees and running a generator. Approved. Craig's letter to the ranger stated we'll behave. i.e. : No loud music and no alcohol. Sept 22-23

Don W0AF said he'll do something similar in mid November, 17th, 18th, and 19th at Waubonsie. He's been doing this several years – rents a cabin.

George NME suggested a club logo for T-shirts and such. Keith AEP was wearing his from the Kansas City club he belongs to. Steve NWN motioned for those interested to submit a logo to club Pres Albert LOL or VP Bill FJR so they can decide on one. Passed. Paul GXD reminded us we have club officer elections in September.

With the airshow coming up and special event station K0F authourized, Don W0AF motioned for twelve (\$12) bucks for QSLs. Passed.

The 5 band loaded dipole in the middle of the room is \$309 list price and runs 40 - 6M. See pic below. Meeting adjourned 812PM.

Minutes by Club Sec'y, WA0ZQG

