

Minutes 08/2018

The meeting began promptly at 7PM with a new friend present, Steve W5HUB whose home is in Jefferson TX about 90 miles from Shreveport, or 160 miles due East of Dallas, currently working in the area. Here's the list:

Albert	KE0LOL	James	KE0OBN
Keith	KE0AEP	Joel	K0OQL
Barb	KE0EGG	George	KD0NME
Greg	NOGR	JoDee	KD0RNC
Paul	WB0GXD	Rob	N0SNW
Steve	W5HUB	Wayne	KN0WDJ
Mike	KD0HZF	Craig	KD0YTI
Norm	WA0JYD	Rich	WA0ZQG
Ron	KRON		
Craig	KE0NEU	(18)	

Motion was made to approve Minutes of the previous meeting (paper versions handed out) but another motion to approve Greg GR's report of \$7,329 in the bank was criticized by club Sec'y Rich ZQG who said we're supposed to 'accept the report for audit' until it's verified. Both motions were, however, approved.

At a request, the Treasurer said recent monies spent were for a Poly Phaser to go on 442.225; a Wires-X box to replace the one destroyed by lightning (for .225), and some for the KOF call used at the Offutt Air Show – that to Don W0AF who supported Albert LOL's idea of our display. The big check was \$124 for the Wires-X thing.

Correspondence was mostly the bank statement.

Repeater Committee

There was a problem on the .82 repeater but it was 'operator error' confused by the **Rptr/Base** button on the **Yaesu 7000** box. You could use this at home in 'Base' mode. It has sixteen (16) memories and requires two (2) antennae, one to the TX connector and another to the RX plug.

The new Wires-X box is at Greg's house out in Minden IA getting checked out. (Late News: It's a long way to Minden and the link to .225 doesn't work under all conditions.) One problem is the desense in required full duplex mode. Two software updates have been installed.

John KB0QKH, our man at Ch. 6 where the .225 enjoys a spot 380 ft up on their 400 tower, offers us a hundred Watt amp for the repeater for \$600. It looks just like a **Henry** (the good kind) and comes with a 30 Amp **Astron**, or \$700 with a much bigger 70 Amp Astron. Joel OQL said he would donate a 35, but after much discussion, and lauding QKH's efforts, we opted for \$700. Motion by Paul GXD to buy it approved.

September Election

Hey, the By-Laws say we vote new year officers in September. Three of our four officers have only been serving one (1) year and may be reelected. Albert LOL, Pres – Rich ZQG, Sec'y, and Greg GR, Treasurer can go again. Former Pres Bill FJR, our VP the last 2 years, has to be replaced. Who're we gonna pick?

Old Business

Rich ZQG handed the Treasurer a check for four (\$4) bucks, monies collected last month by auctioning 3 **Harbor Freight** digital volt meters.

Greg paid five (\$5) bucks for a ratty looking home made three band dipole that ZQG and VJM made a dozen years ago at Field Day. It's been in Rich's basement since. SWIARC paid for it.

Don W0AF submitted a great idea for a club logo. Choice will be made by exec committee.

The Yaesu dual band radio in the Red Cross' radio room disappeared recently, but a 19 in rack, coupla Poly Phasers, 35Amp Astron, and coax to two (2) antennas on the roof remain. (Building has been sold to another public service operation in the same complex.)

Offutt Air Show Results

Despite hot weather and being located right next to the powerful public address system, we made 137 contacts via radio and saw 227 visitors sign the log. It was 150 deg F on the flight line, but our tent was on grass. Albert LOL who had the idea and got various manufacturers to supply prizes, handed them out and oversaw the op. Next year the show is much earlier, June 1 – 2.

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The 137 recorded radio contacts may not have included all QSOs – 150 a better estimate. One visitor, an autistic boy intrigued by the display, brought accolades from the kid's mother.

Steve HUB (he joined the club) mentioned recent contacts on 10M, this during a time of low sunspot numbers, so bad in fact that people are comparing it to beginning of Maunder Minimum, a terrible time in 1600s when food crops in Northern Europe didn't do well. Steve uses an **RCI 2950** which runs 25W SSB on 10M, and a Yaesu 991A for everything else. Steve has never used his 991A on C4FM digital.

Postscript: 10M net is Thursdays at 8PM, 28.350

Craig NEU said Shelter #2 at **Lake Manawa** is rented for Saturday 22 Sept. from 7AM – 10PM when the park closes. (We arrive 10AM.) Someone asked him how much he has spent and intends to spend - \$106 for food and \$25 for the shelter. Norm JYD made a motion to reimburse NEU up to \$150. Approved. Similarly, we approved \$100 for Albert LOL's expenses at the Offutt air show.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:21PM.

Minutes by Sec'y, Rich WA0ZQG



Shelter #2 at Lake Manawa 22 Sept 2018
Craig NEU's Go-Box in foreground
32" TV streaming NE game on table