

Minutes 11/2019

This month, our hour long business meeting was attended by thirteen (13) members. Pres Derek W0TYG called it to order at 7 PM precisely.

Derek	W0TYG		
Keith	KE0AEP	Allen	KC0JHA
Don	W0AF	Norm	WA0JYD
Bruce	N0BHB	Ron	KR0N
Mark	K3DEX	Craig	W0NEU
Bill	KD0FJR	Rich	WA0ZQG
Greg	NOGR	(13)	
Paul	WB0GX		

Minutes as printed were approved on motion by Bill FJR and Paul GXD. Treasurer's report shows \$6,800 in the bank after buying the new Arcom RC-210 controller for .82 (no, that's not a round number, it's precise). Accepted for audit on motion by Paul GXD and Don W0AF.

Repeater: Paul GXD said FCC paperwork to acknowledge Rea N0REA as our new Station Trustee was approved on the 18th. (Russ AD0QH was the previous Trustee. Like Russ, Rea holds an Amateur Extra license. Thus, if he or another Extra is present on F/Day, we can operate on all freqs including the Extra bands.)

Paul sent an E/M to Russ thanking his for service to us. Paul has the spare Vertex VHF repeater, and Rea has most everything else the club owns.

The UHF 442.225 repeater is working.

Spring Hamfest: Derek TYG has notified the Mayor of McClelland; confirmed with Les of D&L, and registered it with the ARL. It'll cost four (\$4) bucks to get in and tables are \$10.

Last year, the main prize was a Yaesu FT-70 DR Fusion H/T.

Xmas Party: Craig NEU has a reservation at the International Buffet, 49th & L over in Omaha, for 2PM on Sunday the 29th. Guidelines for a gift exchange will be publicized later. Ten (\$10) bucks is the suggested gift value.

Field Day 2019: SWIARC's F/Day effort was reported on page 72 of Dec QST, about half way down among stations in category 5A. (5 stations running emergency power) We got 2,222 points. Here are a few comparisons:

Potomac Valley 14A	W3AO	32,356
Des Moines club 3A	W0AK	3,790
Lincoln NE club 3A	K0KKV	3,786
Co/Bluffs club 5A	K0SWI	2,222

Craig NEU ran our F/Day operation. Allen JHA would like to discuss possible locations for next year. The McClelland city park site is a little out of the way, ten (10) miles from Co/Blfs, but has trees, a roof shelter if it rains, and very pleasant environment.

Paul GXD may do a program on repeaters for the March meeting. Want to see the Vertex? Why do 'cans' cost so much and why do you need them.

The Secretary ought to contact Daily NonPareil newspaper to update their info on us.

Don W0AF, Bill FJR, and Ron KR0N spent the weekend at Waubonsie state park making HF contacts. They had two Yaesu 991s, an 897, ICOM 7000, and Yaesu 817 QRP rig brought by Joel K0OQL. Eight (8) antennas.

Craig NEU plans an outing at Arrowhead Park again around May 2020.

Adjournment: Ron KR0N motioned for adjournment at 8:01 PM.

Minutes by Club Sec'y, WA0ZQG

Program: Craig NEU is a professional engineer and has a master plan for grounding at his new house. He handed out big color copies of his plans with a multi kilobuck pricetag. Big pieces of copper and PolyPhasers contributed to cost.

Among necessary items was 'bonding' the house ground where the AC comes in to your station ground. This means big pieces of copper outside, preventing a route **through the house** when there's a big strike outside.