

Meeting Minutes 01/2022

We had over 20 Hams show up to watch our new club President preside and then give a program. It was on a VNA, and probably the reason.

Gary	K8JOK	
Ronnie	WDOA	
Keith	KEOAEF	George KDONME
& Barb	KEOEGG	Steve N0ORU
Don	W0AF	Rea N0REA
Bruce	N0BHB	& Suz KE0WYL
Chris	KF0FBL	Rick KA0RLR
Bill	KD0FJR	Rob N0SNW
Greg	N0GR	Derek W0TYG
Paul	W0GXD	Wayne KN0WDJ
Norm	WA0JYD	Craig KD0YTI
Kevin	N0MHK	Rich WA0ZQG

Last year's Sec'y Bill FJR handled the Minutes which were approved (GXD, JYD) and then new Treasurer Greg N0GR said we collected \$175 at the meeting that with other income gave us an anticipated balance of \$7,444. We did spend \$159 for a **new** dual band **antenna** replacing one that failed on our **link**. (Accepted for audit.)

The repeaters work. You know the tower where we have the 442.225 is coming down. Pott County has a tower on Gleason near St. Albert high school where we could go. They offered. It might cost a lot however. (The tower is next to the water tower where the original (1968) .22 receiver was.)

Paul GXD was on hand as a tower crew worked on our .82 site. Handed one of the guys a \$50 after they did a favor. We reimbursed Paul. (Tower crews cost thousands.)

March Hamfest

Derek TYG is handling it. Main door prize is a Yaesu FT-5DR H/T which Derek bought for \$427 when they had an \$80 off sale. (from DX Engr.) It's \$4 to get in, and \$10 for a table, no increase from previous years. Of 21 tables, D& L Ant. gets 5, and we already have 2 others sold. Yes, you can set up outside, but remember it's the first week of March and could be cold.

After some discussion of finances related to the March Hamfest, rent, door prize expense, etc., one of the guys attending via Zoom suggested we **donate** food to be sold rather than buy it. Like donuts, pop, coffee, etc. Derek took note..

There was no **Old Business** but George NME did interrupt via Zoom to tell us Steve ORU was outside at the door wanting in. (George was at home listening to .82) Derek got up and obliged.

New Business

We haven't been doing much regarding A.R.E.S. Rick RLR proposed an Emergency Committee to look into it. Said before we could respond, that we'd need training and organization. Gary JOK challenged us to get 5 people, and respond to two (count 'em, 2) events in the course of the next year. Paul GXD explained the ICS, Incident Command System. Rick RLR gets the job.

Gary JOK proposed a **New Member Helper** committee, and said new member Nate K0NWJ is eager to pass on the help he's received. Done.

Treasurer Greg N0GR said the USPS now charges \$156 a year for Box 661. Big discussion ensued, but we decided to pay it, 6 mos anyway.

Norm JYD asked if we shouldn't donate some to our host building owners. Is it still Red Cross? Derek TYG will look into who is hosting us. (Red Cross is only a tenant in our building.)

Announcements

Don W0AF said **Winter Field Day** is next big operating event. Jan 30-31

Rea REA said there's a proposed **Lewis & Clark** event in June. (We have a big Lewis & Clark monument and lookout point north of town with a great view of the Omaha airport. Not much room to set up multiple antennas though.) Via Zoom, Don W0AF said he'd like to be part of it.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Minutes by 2022 Club Sec'y, Rich WA0ZQG