



Minutes of the
Mid-MO Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
 Jefferson City, MO

Meeting of: April 11, 2013

Called to order by: President Rich Kreiser, NØJBF at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (25):

Greg Abbott	WBØAQV	Bill Gerth	W4RK	Mitch Odneal	WDØECO
Andy Adams	WNØI	Rich Glassner	NØEAX	Jack Renick	KDØAKF
Carol Atkinson	NØDIL	Bob Heald	WØXII	Randall Rolle	KDØDSJ
Don Atkinson	NØBIV	Steve Hick	KDØGRM	Karl Schulte	WA2KBZ
Dennis Bahm	KDØUAU	Rich Kreiser	NØJBF	Jerry Sill	KDØNPF
Jack Boswell	NØKSF	Chuck Lahmeyer	AF6GT	Mike Thayer	KMØS
Corey Chaney		Nancie McAnaugh	NMØC	Owen Toalson	KCØLZG
Roger Conway	KDØFAS	Mike Miller	WAØZOG	Kent Trimble	K9ZTV
Mike Dolson	NØZH			Josh Wood	KC2JVE

Previous Meeting Minutes (presented & approved)

Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

Previous Bank Balance: \$20,446.83
 Electric Bill: 12.06
 Phone Bill: 82.24 (Feb & March both deducted in March; \$41.12 each)
 Check to WØXII: 12.18 Printing Costs for February minutes; mis-stated as \$12.06
 Deposits: 50.00
 Current Bank Balance: \$20,390.35

Old Business

2 Meter Net Report: Mike Dolson, NØZH, reported a total of 54 check-ins for the previous month.

Net Results:			Upcoming Net Controllers:	
Mar 20	KDØQFN	14	Apr 17	KDØNPF
Mar 27	KDØGRV	11	Apr 24	NØZH
Apr 3	NMØC	18	May 1	KDØGRM
Apr 10	KDØGRM	56	May 8	KDØGRM(?)

2 Meter Report:

Jim Biggerstaff, NØTKN, absent – in Hawaii presenting donation to USS Missouri group.

Digipeater Report:

Jim Biggerstaff, NØTKN, absent

Missouri Emergency Packet Network (MEPN):

Jim Biggerstaff, NØTKN, absent

Local Emergency Coordinator's Report:

Rich Kreiser, NØJBF, reporting – ARES: Ken Barrymore has resigned as Missouri Section Coordinator; Jeff Young, KB3HF, from St. Louis area, appointed as replacement, effective April 1st.

District Emergency Coordinator's Report:

Joe Betros, KBØQHZ, absent – prior commitment; Rich Kreiser, NØJBF reporting – Exercise coming up May 1st with St. Louis County ARES, testing intertie on 443.175 starting at 7:30 p.m.

VE Liaison's Report:

Nancie McAnagh, NMØC, reporting – Tony DeWitt took Extra test in St. Louis and passed. I am expecting a test following the meeting.

CW Class:

Kent Trimble, K9ZTV, reporting – Last Saturday's classes cancelled because of Ozarkcon. Will continue next Saturday.

Training Committee:

Mike Thayer, KMØS, reporting – Eight to ten students working on General upgrade. Could use a few more instructors.

Club Jackets / Shirts / Patches:

Bob Heald, WØXII, reporting – Got an e-mail from Bryan; shirts and hats are done, but the company doing the work did not get the jacket order. That has been rectified and they are waiting for jackets to be delivered to them. Apparently all items will be shipped at the same time.

Mid-MO Emergency Radio Service:

Rich Kreiser, NØJBF, reporting – nothing to report.

Field Day 2013:

Mike Dolson, NØZH, reporting – not much new. Believe all of our vehicles are good to go; CW station in the same vehicle as before, FD trailer for sideband, Don's trailer for VHF, and my trailer for GOTA. We have all the vehicles we need. Discussion regarding the DPS van – Mike talked to J.D. Simmons, WAØBER, who said it would either be Bruce Clemonds or Dave Martin as the driver. I don't know if they will stay the weekend or just deliver the van and pick it up. We are not using the county van. May not need one of the personal trailers. Mike Miller will coordinate the sideband operation. Field day is scheduled for June 22 and 23; we can set up on evening of June 21. Extensive additional discussion. Mike asks that all who plan to participate come to the next meeting with a tentative plan as to what you want to operate.

SOTA:

Bill Gerth, W4RK, reporting – We had a “SOTArma” in the Ozarks this past weekend, coinciding with the Ozarkcon QRP convention. Six or eight SOTA enthusiasts from Kansas, Arkansas, and Missouri. There were twenty five activations on nine different summits. It was quite a lot of activity. We also had a booth at the vendor exhibits at Ozarkcon and talked to a lot of interested people. If you would like to see some pictures, go to the website, www.mosota.org and at the bottom of the home page, there is a link to the pictures.

New Business:

At the March meeting, Greg Abbott, WBØAQV, requested a report on the design status for radio at the new St. Mary’s Health Center. Bob Heald, WØXII reporting – there will be two radio rooms in the new facility: one in the patient tower, the other in the medical office building as backup. Cable runs will be installed and shielded. Antennas will likely be mounted on top of the six story patient tower.

Kent Trimble, K9ZTV, reporting on Ozarkcon – There was no Titanic function this year. It was conducted for five years with the Nixa and Springfield clubs being involved. There was a lot of enthusiasm the first year, but very little in the following years. Several of our members went down and helped last year – they asked us to take it over and we declined. The only remaining Titanic operation is coming up soon at Pigeon Forge, TN. This was the 10th anniversary of Ozarkcon as a gathering of QRP enthusiasts. There was a Powerpoint presentation of the history of the event. There were about 140 attendees, many were designers and builders. Several worked QRP room to room on dummy loads. Technical advisor for telegraph in the movie “Lincoln” gave a presentation on the apparatus that was used in the movie. The movie is well worth seeing for a variety of reasons. The presentation was very interesting. I encourage everyone to attend at least once whether you are into QRP or not. They have a wide range of presentations and activities. It is the first weekend in April.

Jack Boswell, NØKSF, reporting – We have a “projects” group called “Mid MO Technical Exchange Group” which meets once a month on the first Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Cross Training Room. Everyone brings something they are working on and presents it as a show and tell, following with discussion about the project. Part of the purpose is trying to promote interest in the building and working of electronics.

Announcements:

Roger Conway, KDØFAS, questions:

- a. Any progress on ARES Ids? Mike Dolson will check.
- b. Was there mention of using solar power at Field Day? Richard Manning, ACØSA, talked about a friend who has a solar array that he claimed could run quite a bit of the equipment. However, what he has would not be sufficient to power all the equipment we use. We do get points for any use of alternative energy, i.e.: charging a battery with a solar array then using that battery to power a rig on which five contacts are made.
- c. Any possibility of including the dates of upcoming Hamfests or other events in the minutes? The ARRL website has a listing of those items linked from the home page.

Roger Barnard, WAØHAM, has a lot of old parts available to give away. If nobody wants them, they will be disposed of. Anyone interested should contact Roger or Mike Dolson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Compiled and Submitted by Bob Heald, WØXII