

Paducah Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2008

Submitted by Bill, KY2O

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Bill, KR8L.

The minutes were not read, as they have been available on the club web site. Minutes were approved as posted on the club web site. A link to the minutes posted on the web site will be distributed to club members on PARA email distribution. A treasurer's report was given by Greg, KY4A. A printed report is available to any PARA member by contacting the Secretary, KY2O (ky2o@bellsouth.net). The report provides details of the last month's transactions.

There were 26 members present with one new member; Brian, KC9OFT. All new hams are given their first year membership in PARA. Congratulations to Brian on becoming a ham. The attendance sheet is attached.

No health and welfare issues were reported.

Old Business

Bandpass filters for Field Day – Nothing new to report.

Audio Patch Box – Nothing new to report.

LOTH – The club's field day logs for 2007 and 2008 have been uploaded. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of any earlier club logs, please contact Paul, ND4X, or any club officer.

Repeater – Discussion of the repeater included what needs to be done so we can remotely control the repeater. Paul, KI4GKW, volunteered to gain the knowledge and obtain the software to program the repeater controller. Paul will report back next meeting with update.

Emergency Communications – Discussion was held as to what role the club needs to play with local emergency organizations. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was brought up, but no copy was available. The MOU was developed and approved by the McCracken Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and approved by the club membership. John, KO4XJ, and Mike, KY4OEM are to gather further information and report back to the next meeting.

New Business

- Bill, KR8L, club president presented the results of a recent meeting of all club officers. The officers met to talk about some potential changes to the meeting structure, organizing some small committees to address technical and other issues, repeater coordination, updating the club Constitution and By-Laws, and understanding MOU responsibilities. Nothing was decided. Tabled till next meeting. Bill, KY2O, volunteered to provide a draft revision to the club Constitution and By-Laws for next meeting.

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Sunday Evening W4NJA Emergency Net Control responsibility follows: 9/14/08 – Mike, KI4NXF 9/21/08 – Bill, KU4RC 9/28/08 – Dave, WB5YYA 10/05/08 – Bill, KU4RC 10/12/08 – Ken, WA9WJL

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

There was a program following the meeting on portable operation. A go-case for compact HF radio, tuner, power supply and necessary cables was demonstrated. In addition, a portable 40m through 2 m antenna commercially manufactured (www.BuddiPole.com) was set up and demonstrated. A web page for detailed construction information of a homebrew version of this same antenna is available at www.qsl.net/w3ff.

There was no testing following the meeting.