

Paducah Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2008

Submitted by Bill, KY2O

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bill, KR8L.

The minutes were read and approved with one correction. The minutes are posted on the PARA web site, www.W4NJA.org. A treasurer's report was not given as the treasurer was not in attendance. Bill, KR8L, reported that the treasurer, Greg, KY4A, had called and said the only activity was receipt of one member dues, \$20, with no outgoing payments. A full report will be provided at the next meeting.

There were 25 members present with two visitors.

One health and welfare issue was reported by Ed, AB4IQ. Bill Ashley, NK7T, was recently in the hospital and is now home.

Old Business

- Audio Patch Box – Ed, AB4IQ received the circuit boards and relays. Circuit boards and relays cost \$53.99. Paul, KI4GKW, said he would verify that all the remaining parts are available and the cost.
- Bill, KR8L, reminded everyone that elections are just around the corner and to be thinking about whom you would like see leading the club. Nominations are open for all offices.
- PARA Constitution and By-Laws – Bill, KY2O, provided a draft revision of the Constitution and By-Laws to all attending. All members were asked to review and provide comments to Bill, KY2O, by the next regular PARA meeting.
- Committees – Short discussion with respect to whether to have standing committees or ad-hoc committees. It was brought up that Constitution and By-Laws only allows special committees. These are temporary, ad-hoc committees. Since this is already defined in By-Laws, no further discussion was necessary.
- Emergency Communications – The topic was tabled until the new McCracken County OEM director has settled into his duties and the plans/needs of the OEM organization are more defined.
- Bandpass filters for Field Day – Motion was made by Bruce, KS4Q, and seconded by Ed, AB4IQ, to purchase two Industrial Communications Engineering (ICE) Combination Bandpass Filters (Model 419A). Bill, KY2O, volunteered to purchase the filters on behalf of the club.

New Business

- Clint, W5CPT, brought up the topic of fox hunting or T-hunting and his progress on trying to locate a small concealable transmitter. Previous fox hunts have used a HT, but this does not provide the stealth for the fox that is usually expected. Clint stated that the club had had a transmitter donated, but it lacked some features

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- necessary to be used as a fox. An ad-hoc committee was established with Clint, W5CPT, and Ed, AB4IQ providing leadership. They will do some additional research and report next meeting. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Clint or Ed.
- Bill, KY2O, brought up a potential method for the club to earn some extra cash for club expenditures. Bill learned of this potential source from a visit to an Ohio amateur radio club meeting while on business there. Provided the club has tax exempt status [503(3)(c)], it may be possible to solicit tax free donations from local sources (e.g., Wal*Mart, etc.). Bill volunteered to do some additional research and report back at the next club meeting.

Sunday Evening W4NJA Emergency Net Control responsibility follows:

Oct 19th – KI4ZAK, Beth

Oct 26th – WB5YYA, Dave

Nov 2nd – KC6GNV, Steve

Nov 9th – KI4NXF, Mike

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

There was no program following the meeting.

There was no testing following the meeting.