

Paducah Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes- March 9, 2009

Minutes by Beth, KI4ZAK

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by John, KO4XJ.

The minutes were read & approved & will be posted on the PARA website, www.W4NJA.org.

The treasurer's report was given & accepted as read.

Health & Welfare

Shank, W4KU, will be having eye surgery & will need assistance replacing his tower.

Old Business

Audio Patch Box- Paul, KI4GKW is still working on & Jerry, WA4TTL, will check with ARRL for any updates.

PARA Constitution and By Laws- Bill, KY2O, reported no activity on the revisions.

Emergency Communication- Dave, WB5YYA, spoke about emergency public service & also suggested an ARES club be started as there is much division in the club.

Fox Hunt- As a reminder, do not forget the fox hunt on 3/28 next to Noble Park.

Field Day- As field day approaches, there was a motion to remove the previous motion to purchase a butternut vertical & purchase a couple open wire antennas instead. Greg, KY4A & Walt, AI4SP, will purchase the materials that are needed for the wire antennas. Bruce will be in charge of food, Steve will furnish computers this year & Mike KY4OEM will attempt to get the generators. There was also a request for all night operators. Mike, KY4OEM suggested someone be in charge of tours. John, KO4XJ will speak to Shelly with WPSD to get something in the Paducah Sun before the weekend of the event. There was also a request for additional tarps in case it was to rain.

New Business

Carvell Beam- Frank Carvell, K4FRC, donated a XR5 beam to the club, to say thank you a 10 yr membership was decided on & Greg KY4A will put together a certificate.

AAA Award- Bruce, KS4V, Ed, AB4IQ, Paul, N4DX, & Dave Perry, N4QS, all received the award., there are only 200 awards & the club has 4 winners.

Sunday Evening W4NJA Emergency Net Control:

3/15- Bill, KU4RC

03/22- Mike, KI4NXF

03/29- Dave, WB5YYA

04/05- Beth, KI4ZAK

04/12- Greg, KY4A

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

John, KO4XJ, showed the club the antenna launcher that he built & Greg, KY4A, spoke about fox hunts.

VEC Testing:

There was one person who tested tonight.