

# **CRAWFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

Minutes 20 April 2010

The monthly meeting of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society was held at St. Brigid's Church on 20 April 2010 with 23 in attendance. It was called to order by President Jim K3TLP at 7:30PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed for the deceased members of our hobby.

Minutes of the March 2010 meeting were read by Mark KB3DTN. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ralph KA3CDH and seconded by Allison KB3RKH. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mark KB3DTN in the absence of Rich WA3MCH. A copy of this report is attached. A motion to accept was made by Dave KB3EHA and seconded by ED AB3FD. Motion carried.

At this point everyone introduced themselves.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*REPEATER* – Jim K3TLP installed the new Yaesu Repeater at the Route 27 Site and with Mike N3QQH's help installed a backup battery on this repeater. Jim and John N3CUP fixed the power connection on the C.A.T. Controller; however the weather radio connection is still not working. Fred N3QFA had stated at the recent Executive Committee meeting that the tower at the fairgrounds is going to be replaced sometime this fall. We will need to remove the antenna and move it to the new tower. Fred suggested that we purchase new hardline for the new tower. Jaime WW3S suggested we try to reuse what is on the current tower as it is only a couple of years old. The ballpark estimate to move the antenna from the old tower to the new tower is roughly #####. The Executive Committee also discussed taking the GE repeater that was on 147.03 and re-crystal and re-tune it for 145.13 and then get a new wiring harness for the cavities that were on the old 145.13 and place this setup at the Norrisville site and have it available as a "hot standby" in case something happens to the machine at the fairgrounds. It was also suggested that we obtain the C.A.T. 300 controller that Mike K3YAK had on his repeater and wire it to the new Yaesu on 147.03. We would need to additionally purchase a case for this controller and a CTCSS Tone board.

*SKYWARN* – Jaime WW3S reported on the Skywarn Training that was held recently. Over Eighty attended and it was a very good presentation. Jaime thanked Allison KB3RKH, Ginny KB3GFY, and Bill W3WDH for handling registration. Jaime also reported on the recent Severe Weather Drill. Jim K3TLP operated from the Courthouse and worked many surrounding counties on HF. Jaime WW3S went to the Red Cross. They have a Hand Held but it was dead. Jaime took it home and charged the battery but it won't hold a charge. There is a cable there to hook the Hand Held to a power supply. Jaime also is in contact with the Hospital and they are now willing to work with us. The antennas need installed on the roof but there are some concerns regarding the path of the Life Flight Helicopter.

*NET* – Jerry WA3ZSC said all is going well. He advised all that we need to turn off any noise makers that may be in the background of our station; TV's, other radio's, etc. When a Net Control doesn't understand a call Jerry wants that Net Control to read the call sign back to the station using standard phonetics and confirm that what they heard was correct. Jaime WW3S said he still needs Net Controls for the Sunday Night ARES Net.

*SPECIAL EVENTS* – Mark KB3DTN read a letter from the Boy Scout Councils of Western PA requesting our assistance with the Campaganza 2010 event that will be held on 24-26 September 2010 at Moraine State Park South Shore. Also the club has been contacted to assist with the Memorial Day 5K Race. Also Mark N3PBQ stated that he is looking for help with the Edinboro Triathlon and the M.S. Bike Tour.

*FIELD DAY* – Mike N3QQH reported that he has reserved the back ball field and Shelter # 3 for Field Day.

*VE* – A VE Testing Session was held recently. Congratulations to Mark KB3DTN, Barry WA3GSH, and Mike N3QQH on earning their Amateur Extra and congratulations to Laura now KB3UIG on earning her Technician. Another VE Session has been scheduled for 17 July 2010 again here at St. Brigid's Church starting at 10 AM.

*PUBLICITY* – Mark N3PBQ reported that the website is still there. He is having some issues renewing the .org address but the .net address is still working fine.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Jim K3TLP reported that he had received information from the Petruso Agency concerning our obtaining Liability Insurance. The cost is \$332.50. Jaime WW3S suggested that the Executive Committee look over the policy before the club votes to make sure it will serve our needs.
2. Jaime WW3S reported that what was R.A.C.E.S. Is now A.C.S.
3. Mark KB3DTN reported that Rich WA3MCH received a new Tax I.D. Number for the club.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mark KB3DTN presented the bills totaling #####. A motion to pay the bills was made by Dave KB3EHA and seconded by Ralph KA3CDH. Motion carried.
2. An application for Membership was received from Laura Kimmel KB3UIG. A motion to accept her into membership was made by Jerry WA3ZSC and seconded by Gary WA3NSM. Motion carried and welcome Laura!
3. Jaime WW3S asked if there was any interest in purchasing some apparel that would have a club logo and/or name on it. There was some interest and this

may be an easy way for the club to raise some money. Jaime will look into this further.

4. Jim K3TLP stated that he is currently handling the sale of equipment from two Estate's. Those interested should contact him.

5. Mike N3QQH made a motion to allocate ##### towards Field Day. It was seconded by Gary WA3NSM. Motion carried.

A 50/50 drawing was held and ##### collected. ##### was won by Mike N3QQH and he donated his earnings back to the club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:34PM.

For our program Jaime WW3S presented a slide show on the Heathkit Company.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Benson KM3P