

# ***CRAWFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY***

Minutes 16 February 2010

The monthly meeting of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society was held at St. Brigid's Church on 16 February 2010 with 25 in attendance. It was called to order by President Jim K3TLP at 7:32PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed for the deceased members of our hobby.

Minutes of the January 2010 meeting were read by Mark KB3DTN. A correction was made and a motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Barry WA3GSH and seconded by Gary WA3NSM. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Rich WA3MCH. A copy of this report is attached. A motion to accept was made by Barry WA3GSH and seconded by Bill N3VVZ. Motion carried.

At this point everyone introduced themselves.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*REPEATER* – Fred N3QFA reported on the Repeater Committee Meeting that had been held recently. The recommendation was made to place some sort of battery backup at the 147.03 machine and let the County take care of backup power for the 145.13 site. Fred also said there has been some interference on the 147.03 machine lately and the committee also discussed ways to make the site at Norrisville useful again after the weather breaks.

*SKYWARN* – Jaime WW3S reported that the Severe Weather Exercise will be held Thursday, 18 March 2010 starting around 9AM. Stations will be needed to go to the Courthouse, the Hospital(s), and the Red Cross. Skywarn Training will be held at St. Brigid's Church on Wednesday, 07 April 2010 at 6:30PM. Jaime also discussed the Sunday Night A.R.E.S. Net and is taking volunteers for Net Controls for 2010. So far Jim K3TLP has volunteered for March and Mark KB3DTN has volunteered for April.

*NET* – Jerry WA3ZSC said all is going well. He reminded everyone that the Net Preamble's are to be followed to the letter and if something needs changed the Net Manager will make such a change or changes.

*SPECIAL EVENTS* – There was no Bulldog Ice Breaker 5K Run, at least none that we knew of.

*FIELD DAY* – Mike N3QQH reported that Field Day will be on 26-27 Jun 2010 and it will be held at Roche Park.

*AUDIT* – Mike N3QQH reported on the annual Audit of the club books. Everything is in order as always and Rich does an excellent job.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – Jim K3TLP reported on the Executive Committee Meeting that had been held recently. The suggestion was made to create a By-Laws Committee to look into whether our Constitution needs updating, and also the creation of a Publicity Committee to give some assistance to our Webmaster, Mark N3PBQ. Discussion had been held concerning whether or not our club is Incorporated. Mark KB3DTN did some investigation into the minutes of years gone by and discovered that we are Incorporated. Rich WA3MCH asked John K0ZP what this Incorporation paperwork does for the club and John explained. Mark KB3DTN asked if we should be including “Inc.” at the end of the name of the club and John said No since the Incorporated name is “Crawford Amateur Radio Society”. Mark N3PBQ asked if anything should be on the Website, such as “Incorporated on” such and such date. Since the original Incorporation paperwork was for the former radio club, the date should be 1956, not 1983 when the paperwork was changed. Either way we are Incorporated and anyone wishing to see the proof can contact Mark KB3DTN for a copy of the Minutes. The actual Incorporation paperwork is in our Safety Deposit Box.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – A letter addressed to the club from John Nagurney, K0ZP, was read. Discussion followed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Jim K3TLP announced the creation of a By-Laws Committee to look into updating our Constitution and By-Laws. Appointed to this Committee are: John K0ZP, Jaime WW3S, Gary WA3NSM, Mike N3QQH, and Barry WA3GSH. They will meet and make a report to the Executive Committee on 17 April 2010. The meeting will be at Jim's house and will start at 9AM.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Rich WA3MCH stated that we needed to pay the dues for our repeaters to the Western PA Repeater Council. The cost is \$## per repeater. Barry WA3GSH made a motion that \$## be paid to the WPRC. Allison KB3RKH seconded. Motion carried. Our four repeater frequency pairs are 145.13/144.53, 147.03/147.63, 444.075449.975, and 29.64/29.54.
2. Jaime WW3S made a motion that we make our yearly donation of \$## to Moody Broadcasting for our use of their tower for the UHF Repeater. Barry WA3GSH seconded. Motion carried.
3. Rich WA3MCH presented the bills totaling \$##. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ginny KB3GFY and seconded by Barry WA3GSH. Motion carried.
4. Another topic of the Executive Committee Meeting was that of obtaining Liability Insurance to protect the club. The ARRL offers such Insurance and Jim K3TLP has to fill out a form for a quote. He will do this and mail it in.
5. It was decided that VE Testing be offered again by the club here in Meadville. Jaime WW3S will be the Liaison person and coordinate each test

session. They will be held quarterly with the first one being scheduled for 10 April 2010 at 10 AM at St. Brigid's Church. John K0ZP said he should have his VE Certification by then. All sessions will be on an Pre-Registration only basis. If no one registers by a certain time the session will be cancelled.

6. Jim K3TLP announced the creation of a Publicity Committee. Those appointed to the Committee are Mark N3PBQ, Barry WA3GSH, Mike N3QQH, and Mark KB3DTN.

7. There will be a demonstration of NBEMS at the Red Cross in Erie sometime soon. The date is not yet confirmed but will possibly be 20 March 2010

8. Mark N3PBQ announced two upcoming public service events that the club assisted with last year. The M.S. Bike Tour will be on 12/13 June 2010 and the Oil Creek 100 will be on 16/17 October 2010.

9. Jerry WA3ZSC inquired how Ralph KA3CDH was doing and Gary WA3NSM reported that Ralph will be coming home on Monday.

10. Jaime WW3S encouraged everyone to send their Legislator a letter asking them to support the Bill HR 1060 which will give Amateur Radio the full support of the Federal Government. There is a link on the ARRL Website for this.

A 50/50 drawing was held and \$## collected. \$## was won by Rich WA3MCH and he donated his earnings back to the club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

For our program Jaime WW3S demonstrated the remote control setup of his home station via computer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P Benson KB3DTN