

CRAWFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Minutes 19 January 2010

The monthly meeting of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society was held at St. Brigid's Church on 19 January 2010 with 30 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 December 2009 meeting were read by Mark KB3DTN. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bill W3WDH and seconded by Bill N3VVZ. 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 Dave KB3EHA and seconded by Gary WA3NSM. Motion carried.

At this point everyone introduced themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER – Jim K3TLP reported that there is still noise on the 145.13 Repeater. 147.03 seems to be working OK. The time announcement is still incorrect on 147.03 and until the weather breaks the site is inaccessible to make this change. To install the PowerWorx device to charge a backup battery and automatically switch to the battery when commercial power is lost requires Power Pole connectors. Jaime WW3S has both Power Poles and a crimper to install them. Mark KB3DTN suggested the Repeater Committee meet to discuss whether to install a backup battery at the 145.13 site as a recent automobile accident disrupted power to the site and the County's backup generator system failed. Jim said that the County is aware of the problem and is addressing the situation.

SKYWARN – Jaime WW3S reported that the Severe Weather Exercise will be held Thursday, 18 March 2010. Skywarn Training will be held at St. Brigid's Church on Wednesday, 07 April 2010 at 6:30PM. There is a change in how the National Weather Service measure's hail. Also the ARRL has finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Red Cross. Jaime also discussed the Sunday Night A.R.E.S. Simplex Test and that you should only attempt to check-in with Net Control if you can hear them. Not checking-in on the alternate frequency test will not affect one's check-in status. Jaime is now Net Manager for the Sunday Night A.R.E.S. Net and is taking volunteers for Sunday nights in 2010. So for Dave KB3EHA is doing January, Ed N3HWQ has volunteered for February and Jim K3TLP has volunteered for March.

NET – Jerry WA3ZSC said all is going well.

SPECIAL EVENTS – The Bulldog Ice Breaker 5K run may possibly be upcoming; no one has heard if it is going to be held and when.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jim K3TLP attended the recent Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting. Allen Clark is working on planning a 24 hour exercise to be held sometime this year. He also gave Jim a checklist to be used in the event of an emergency. A copy of this is attached.
2. Jim K3TLP received word that more funding is available from FEMA for Emergency Equipment. Jim received a quote for a New Yaesu Repeater and Jaime WW3S received a quote for new duplexers, both potentially for the 147.03 Repeater. Jim completed and submitted all of the necessary paperwork to Allen Clark.
3. Jaime WW3S reported that there is a new person in charge of the local office of the Red Cross and they are going to ask their landlord what kind of antennas if any we may be allowed to install on the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rich WA3MCH presented the bills totaling \$###. A motion to pay the bills was made by Dave KB3EHA and seconded by Ginny KB3GFY. Motion carried.
2. Two applications for membership were received from Allen Clark, N3YLP, and Richard Smith, KK3E. A motion to accept them into membership was made by Jaime WW3S and seconded by Barry WA3GSH. Motion carried.
3. Jaime WW3S inquired if anyone knew of Eric, NO3M, who is supposedly moving into the local area.
4. Elections of Officers for 2010 was held. Mike N3QQH stated that per the club By-Laws all meetings are to be governed by Robert's Rules of Order and as such a current Officer should be Chair Pro Tem of the Elections and he made a motion that Rich WA3MCH should Chair the Elections. John K0ZP seconded the motion and the motion carried. Including Nominations received in November and December 2009 those running for an office are:

President: Jim Cihon K3TLP and Barry Capell WA3GSH
Vice President: Jaime Tolbert WW3S and John McCaskey N3CUP
Secretary: Mark Benson KB3DTN
Treasurer: Rich Borchilo WA3MCH
Director: John McCaskey N3CUP, Barry Capell WA3GSH, John Nagurney K0ZP, Mike Hall N3QQH, and Gary Chisholm WA3NSM.

Barry WA3GSH made a motion that because the Election process had carried over to the next calender year all those who had paid their dues for both 2009

and 2010 should be eligible to vote instead of only those who had paid their dues for 2009. Mike N3QQH seconded the motion. It was discovered that only one person who would potentially be eligible to vote should the motion pass was present. When put to vote the motion did NOT carry.

Barry WA3GSH made a motion that since the Election process had carried over to the next calendar year Nominations for Office should be re-opened so any others wishing to formally run for an Office could be added to the ballot. Bill W3WDH seconded the motion. When put to vote the motion did NOT carry.

John K0ZP made a motion that each of the candidates running for an Office be allowed to speak for no more than a time of two minutes about why they are running for the office and their direction for the club in the future. Mike N3QQH seconded the motion. When put to vote there was one Abstain Vote and the motion did NOT carry.

At this point Rich WA3MCH appointed three Tellers to assist with Balloting and Tabulating. Those people were Betty KB3HSA, Russ KB3CIT, and Bill KB3DBB.

Balloting for President was held with Jim Cihon receiving 18 votes and Barry Capell receiving 8 votes. Rich declared Jim Cihon K3TLP the winner.

Balloting for Vice-President was held with Jaime Tolbert receiving 22 votes and John McCaskey receiving 3 votes. There was one ballot that was marked as illegal due to the unintelligibility of the handwriting. Rich declared Jaime Tolbert WW3S the winner.

Per the Constitution / By-Laws of the club even if Nominations for an Office is unopposed the Election of said Office or Offices must be done by Ballot. John K0ZP made a motion to suspend the rules for the Election of the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Barry WA3GSH seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jaime WW3S made a motion the Secretary cast a Unanimous Ballot for the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer. When put to a vote there were 24 in favor and 2 against. The majority being in favor the motion carried and Rich declared Mark Benson KB3DTN and Rich Borchilo WA3MCH the winner of their respective Office.

Balloting for a total of three Directors was held with Mike Hall receiving 23 votes, Gary Chisholm receiving 17 votes, John McCaskey receiving 14 votes, Barry Capell receiving 10 votes, and John Nagurney receiving 8 votes. Rich declared Mike Hall N3QQH, Gary Chisholm WA3NSM, and John McCaskey N3CUP the winners.

The Final Declaration of Officers for the year 2010 are:

President: Jim Cihon K3TLP
Vice President: Jaime Tolbert WW3S
Secretary: Mark Benson KB3DTN
Treasurer: Rich Borchilo WA3MCH
Directors:
 John McCaskey N3CUP
 Gary Chisholm WA3NSM
 Mike Hall N3QQH

Mike N3QQH made a motion that all of the Ballots from the Election be destroyed. Barry WA3GSH seconded the motion. John K0ZP made an amendment to the motion to include destroying the Ballots from the December 2009 meeting. Dave KB3EHA said that he thought the Ballots from December had already been destroyed. Mark KB3DTN produced the December Ballots that had been given to him at the end of the December meeting. The motion carried and the Tellers destroyed the Ballots.

At this point Rich returned control of the meeting back to Jim K3TLP.

5. Jim K3TLP stated we need to make the annual donation to St. Brigid's Church for use of the meeting room. Jerry WA3ZSC made a motion to pay the Church \$## for the year of 2010. It was seconded by Bill N3VVZ. Motion carried.

6. Since it is a new calender year an Audit of the Financial Books must be done. Jim appointed Rich WA3MCH, Mark KB3DTN, Mike N3QQH, and Gary WA3NSM to the Audit Committee and they will meet on Saturday, 13 February 2010 at 10 AM at Jim's house.

7. Rich WA3MCH received a communication from the Bank stating that our Tax I.D. Number is not matching the bank's records. He will look into this situation.

8. Mark KB3DTN suggested that the events of the monthly club meetings not be discussed on the air be it thru one of the repeaters or simplex. While all of the meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend, we have no control over who is listening to any frequency we may be transmitting on. The suggestion was made if someone who was unable to attend a meeting inquires about what was discussed, etc., have the conversation either in person or via telephone.

9. Rich WA3MCH said that as of tonight the club has a total of 47 Members, two of which are Life Members.

10. Jaime WW3S suggested that the club should look into revising the Constitution and By/Laws to see if any changes need to be made concerning the Election process, etc. It's been quite a while since things were last looked at and some things may need changing.

11. Jim K3TLP asked that in his role of Trustee of the Club and all Repeaters to watch our language on the air. Some off color things have been heard during some conversations lately.

A 50/50 drawing was held and \$\$\$ collected. \$\$\$ was won by Jaime WW3S.

There being no further business Jaime made a Motion the meeting be adjourned. Rich WA3MCH Seconded the Motion and we adjourned at 9:10PM.

For our program Mike N3QQH and Allison KB3RKH showed a slideshow of their recent trip to the ARRL Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P Benson KB3DTN