

CRAWFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Minutes 20 July 2010

The monthly meeting of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society was held at St. Brigid's Church on 20 July 2010 with 28 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 June 2010 meeting were read by Mark KM3P. A correction was made and a motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Barry WA3GSH and seconded by ED AB3FD. 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 John N3CUP. Motion carried.

At this point everyone introduced themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER – John N3CUP asked about the upcoming change in tower at the fairgrounds. Fred N3QFA said everything is still in engineering. No time table has been set as of yet. Other than that all seems to be working well.

SKYWARN – Jaime WW3S reported that there have been some Skywarn nets recently; he thanked everyone for their participation. In September the Boy Scouts will be hosting Campaganza at Moraine State Park; in addition to needing volunteers there will be an A.R.E.S. Information table setup. Help is needed to man this table. Anyone interested should contact Larry Keller, AB3ER, Section Emergency Coordinator. Jaime also discussed the Severe Emergency Test coming up this fall. As usual big things are expected and the scenario has already been put together. The date for this drill is not yet confirmed. Also the FCC has made a ruling concerning operating for an employer during a disaster or drill; basically things are back to the way they were. Also Jaime would like to have someone else try to make contact with the person from the hospital who is coordinating the installation of the radio and antennas.

NET – Jerry WA3ZSC said all is going well and handed out updated rosters. He asked if anyone had any ideas for improving the net to make contact with him and discuss their ideas. Jaime WW3S said the Sunday Night A.R.E.S. Net is going well and he needs some volunteers to be net controls.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Mark KM3P reported on the 5K/15K Trailblazer race that was held at Ernst Trail. The next public service event is the Cochranon Fair Parade on 04 August 2010. Meet at 5PM at Cochranon Elementary School and the Parade steps off at 6:30. Mark N3PBQ announced that the Corry club is needing help with the Titusville Parade on 14 August 2010, also Mark needs help with the Drake Well Marathon on 22 August 2010, and the Oil Creek 100 on 16/17 October 2010.

FIELD DAY – Mike N3QQH reported that Field Day was a great success. Many thanks to all who came out and helped setup, operate, and tear down, and thanks to Jim K3TLP for providing the good food. The total number of contacts was 613 CW, 522 Phone, 142 on the G.O.T.A. Station, for a grand total of 1,277 QSO's. Bonus points totaled 1,170 and the grand total of points should be 4,950. It was mentioned that LAX (Los Angeles) was contacted on 6 Meters and the G.O.T.A. Station worked W1AW (The ARRL).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John K0ZP reported on the creation of a new entity that would own the club property at Route 27. He asked if the name could include the club callsign. He is considering "W3MIE Holdings LLC" or "W3MIE Holdings Limited". There was some brief discussion on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rich WA3MCH presented the bills totaling \$. A motion to pay the bills was made by Dave KB3EHA and seconded by Ralph KA3CDH. Motion carried.
2. Mark KM3P stated that with the recent change made to the Constitution about needing to attend four (4) meetings prior to the December meeting in the calendar year in order to be eligible to vote all members MUST sign the sign in sheet for each meeting they attend during the year. This will be what the Secretary will use to determine who is eligible to vote in December. Some inquired as to if they are eligible yet; Mark did not have a current list with him but he will prepare and bring one to the next meeting.
3. Jim K3TLP stated that the two buildings on Route 27 both need some attention. The hole in the block building where the feedlines come in needs filled with something to keep the weather and wildlife out; Barry WA3GSH has something that will work; he and Jim will get together and plug the hole. In addition the concrete building is starting to develop some cracks in the walls. A suggestion was made to possibly build something around the building as a way of sealing it up but it was suggested that someone who does masonry look at possibly patching the cracks somehow. Also the door on the wooden shed needs some reinforcement of some kind. Another topic was raised about the poor connection of the grounding on the concrete building and that it too needs some attention.
4. John N3CUP reported that he and Mark KM3P are working towards getting the 10 Meter repeater back on the air by moving the receiver and link transmitter to Mark's house.

A 50/50 drawing was held and \$ collected. \$ was won by Ed AB3FD and he donated his financial earnings back to the club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM.

There was no program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Benson KM3P