

CRAWFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Minutes 18 May 2010

The monthly meeting of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society was held at St. Brigid's Church on 18 May 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 April 2010 meeting were read by Mark KM3P. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ralph Gary WA3NSM 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 reported that the Weather Radio will be reinstalled tomorrow. He has built a test circuit and thru the use of a momentary switch the radio setup can be tested at any time. Jim K3TLP and Mike N3QQH recently installed the new duplexers on 147.03. Gary WA3NSM said Mike KE3JP is willing to retune the GE Repeater for us.

SKYWARN – Jaime WW3S reported that a Skywarn net had been activated recently but thankfully for the most part there hasn't been much bad weather. He is looking for net controls for Sunday Night's. This coming Sunday is our turn to be Net Control for the Western Region RACES Net on 80 Meters.

NET – Jerry WA3ZSC said all is going well.

FIELD DAY – Mike N3QQH reported that Field Day will be on 26/27 June 2010 at Roche Park. Jim K3TLP will be in charge of food again this year.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Mark KM3P announced the upcoming 5K Human Race that will be held on Memorial Day. Also he has the information for the Boy Scout Campaganza function in September. Mark N3PBQ is needing help with the Edinboro Triathlon on 05 June 2010 and also the MS Bike Escape to the Lake Tour on 12/13 June 2010.

PUBLICITY – Mark N3PBQ reported that he was unable to renew the .org and .net addresses due to ownership issues. Jaime WW3S was able to get the .org address back thru KA9FOX. In addition .com works as well; all end up at QSL.net.

VE – Jaime WW3S announced there will be a VE Testing Session here at St. Brigid's Church on 17 July 2010 at 10AM.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jim K3TLP reported that the quote for Liability Insurance from the Petruso Agency was only good for one day. He decided not to make a return phone call to the agency. We were unable to obtain the insurance offered by the ARRL because we own property.
2. Jim K3TLP has placed the old club equipment on QTH.com. No takers as of yet.
3. Jim K3TLP also reported on obtaining a wiring harness for the old duplexers. The company that made them is long out of business and he thinks we could build our own.
4. Jaime WW3S has been in contact with the Hospital about installing the new radio and antennas. They would like us to place the antennas on top of the elevator shaft which is hundreds of feet away from where the radio will be placed. He is working on a resolution with them. John N3CUP said each Hospital already has a 5 Element 2 Meter beam installed on them.
5. Mark N3PBQ inquired if Dave AB3I was going to have the Echolink system up and running anytime soon. Jaime WW3S offered to place an Echolink setup at his house if Dave is unable to get it running in time for the MS Bike Tour.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rich WA3MCH presented the bills totaling \$ ##. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ed AB3FD and seconded by Dave KB3EHA. Motion carried.
2. John K0ZP stated the club could setup a separate entity to own the property and that entity could lease it back to the club. Doing so would allow the club to obtain the Liability Insurance from the ARRL. John will look into what it will take to do this and what monetary cost is involved.
3. Mike N3QQH read thru the proposed changes to the Constitution made by the Constitution Committee. Discussion followed. Per the Constitution in order for any change to be made it shall be read at one meeting and voted on the next. The vote for the proposed changes will be held at next month's meeting.
4. Mark N3PBQ discussed the use of NBEMS in Erie County and how Aaron KB3HJN and Frank KB3NAT hold a weekly training session on the 146.70 repeater in Union City. If we would like they would be willing to connect to one of our repeaters so we can be involved in the weekly session. It was suggested that they link to the 147.03 machine so it can get some use. The potential day and time of the week is still undecided.

A 50/50 drawing was held and \$ ## collected. In addition to the cash Jaime WW3S threw in some goodies he collected in Dayton. \$ ## and the goodies was won by Jim K3TLP and he donated his financial earnings back to the club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM.

For our program Jaime WW3S showed us how to build solderless PL-259 connectors.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Benson KM3P