

CRAWFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Minutes 16 November 2010

The monthly meeting of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society was held at St. Brigid's Church on 16 November 2010 with 32 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 October 2010 meeting were read by Mark KM3P. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by John K0ZP 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 Dave KB3EHA and seconded by Ralph KA3CDH. Motion carried.

At this point everyone introduced themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER – John N3CUP reported that 145.13 is working great. 147.03 is off the air. He and Jim K3TLP went to the site and measured the antenna and feed line with a watt meter and discovered a bad SWR match. We need someone to climb the pole to check the feed line and antenna, and possibly replace either or both. John has the old antennas from the old setup at the fairgrounds. Dave AB3I offered to climb, and Gary WA3NSM has the phone number of the fellow who climbed it last year for us. Also the 10 Meter Repeater is a work in progress.

SKYWARN – Jaime WW3S asked for volunteers to be Net Control for the Sunday Night ARES Net. Jaime also reported on the Simulated Emergency Test was held recently. Jim K3TLP went to the Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting and the Severe Weather Exercise will be on 01 March 2010. Allen Clark would like to have a three day disaster drill having Amateur Radio involved. Jaime talked about being prepared for a long term disaster.

NET – Jerry WA3ZSC said all is going well.

SPECIAL EVENTS – John N3CUP reported on the Halloween Parade. Dave AB3I is doing a Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge Class this coming Saturday at his house starting at 9AM.

FIELD DAY – Mike N3QQH gave a report on Field Day. Nationally all classes we placed 271 out of 2,617, nationally class 2A we placed 69 out of 424, all classes Western PA we placed 2 out of 45, and class 2A Western PA we were 1 out of 4. We made a total of 1,277 contacts during the event. Mike is working on a different setup for next year to try and eliminate some interference between stations.

VE – Jaime WW3S reported that Cliff KB3UVO and Matt KB3UZP both upgraded to General at the recent VE Session. Congratulations to both.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Applications received from Bruce Timblin W3YQX read last month was voted upon for membership. A motion to accept Bruce into membership was made by Gary WA3NSM and seconded by Barry WA3GSH. Motion carried and welcome Bruce.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rich WA3MCH presented the bills totaling XX. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ralph KA3CDH and seconded by Barry WA3GSH. Motion carried.
2. Mark N3PBQ asked if the Wednesday Night N.B.E.M.S Net could be moved to 145.13 temporarily until 147.03 is working again. Jaime WW3S and Rich N3GYW talked about what N.B.E.M.S is and what it can do.

3. Nominations for Officers for the year 2011 were opened. Nominated thus far are:

President: Jaime Tolbert WW3S

Vice President: John Nagurney K0ZP

Secretary: Mark Benson KM3P

Treasurer: Rich Borchilo WA3MCH

Director: Ralph Hillman KA3CDH
Mike Hall N3QQH
John McCaskey N3CUP
Gary Chisolm WA3NSM
Mark Shallenberger N3PBQ

4. John K0ZP told of his Uncle Ed K0ZPG and how he was instrumental in starting the Dayton Hamvention. John has nominated his Uncle for one of the awards at the upcoming Hamvention.
5. A question was raised about the status of Echolink. Dave AB3I said the radio works great but his computer is having issues. Matt KB3UZP has both a good computer and a good path to the 147.03 repeater and he is willing to take the Echolink setup over.
6. Jaime WW3S asked if we should consider asking Armstrong to see if they would be willing to donate Internet service to the club at the Route 27 Site. Mark N3PBQ is talking to one of their managers and he will ask.
7. Jim K3TLP has some items from K3YAK's Estate for sale. For a list of items see Jim

A 50/50 drawing was held and XX collected. XX was won by Betty KB3HSA and she donated her earnings back to the club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM.

There was no program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Benson KM3P