

# **CRAWFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

Minutes 19 October 2010

The monthly meeting of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society was held at St. Brigid's Church on 19 October 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 September 2010 meeting were read by Mark KM3P. A correction was made and a motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Ed AB3FD 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 Barry WA3GSH and seconded by John N3CUP. Motion carried.

At this point everyone introduced themselves.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*REPEATER* – John N3CUP reported that there has been no progress on resolving the problem with 147.03. Jaime WW3S is going to go check the repeater, cavities, feed line, etc., with his bird watt meter. John and Mark KM3P tested the UHF path from Mark's house to the Route 27 site for the 10 Meter repeater. All went well and it should be a good path.

*SKYWARN* – Jaime WW3S asked for volunteers to be Net Control for the Sunday Night ARES Net. Also the Simulated Emergency Test will be on 30 October 2010. The Western PA Section will be active from 9AM to 1PM. WW3S will be using NBEMS on HF and he is open to suggestions as to what to do locally. The county is required to participate in the exercise. The scenario will be that of a locally heavy snowfall with an extreme warm up the following day causing massive flooding. Also Jaime spoke with the Hospital concerning the installation of Amateur equipment there. Eric from Mobilcom has been installing other two way radios for the Hospital and they would like to have him install our equipment. They want to put the antenna on the elevator shaft and place the radio somewhere close to the antenna and use Voice over IP from the command center to the radio. Eric agrees that this is a bad idea as Voice over IP cannot be relied upon in an emergency.

*NET* – Jerry WA3ZSC said all is going well.

*SPECIAL EVENTS* – Mark N3PBQ reported on the Oil Creek 100 and John N3CUP is looking for help with the Halloween Parade that will be on Saturday 30 October 2010.

*VE* – Jaime WW3S reported that there will be a VE Session on Saturday 13 November 2010 at St. Brigid's Church at 10AM. He asked that anyone interested please pre register.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Applications received from Cliff Butcher KB3UVO, Matt Vogt KB3UZZ, and Russ Hazelton read last month were voted upon for membership. A motion to accept them into membership was made by Jaime WW3S and seconded by John K0ZP. Motion carried and welcome Cliff, Matt, and Russ.
2. Jim K3TLP and Jaime WW3S are going to get together and build a new wiring harness for the old duplexers that were on 145.13.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Rich WA3MCH presented the bills totaling ##. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ralph KA3CDH and seconded by John N3CUP. Motion carried.
2. An application for membership from Bruce Timblin W3YQX was read. Per the Constitution applications for membership will be read at one meeting and voted upon at the next.
3. Jim K3TLP told of two upcoming hamfests, one in Masslin, OH, and the other in Washington, PA.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM.

For our program Jaime WW3S gave a presentation on his recent Dxpedition to Bermuda and afterwards we enjoyed a batch of chili leftover from Field Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Benson KM3P