

# **CRAWFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

Minutes 21 September 2010

The monthly meeting of the Crawford Amateur Radio Society was held at St. Brigid's Church on 21 September 2010 with 22 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 August 2010 meeting were read by Mark KM3P. A motion to accept was made by Ed AB3FD and seconded by Barry WA3GSH. 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 Gary WA3NSM and seconded by Ralph KA3CDH. Motion carried.

At this point everyone introduced themselves.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*REPEATER* – Jim K3TLP said that both the 145.13 and 147.03 machines failed during a commercial power outage recently. The 147.03 has a battery backup but it appeared that it wasn't working. Jaime WW3S and Mark KM3P went to the site that night and discovered that the repeater does switch to the battery but on low power the repeater won't transmit thru the duplexers. Discussion followed. Gary WA3NSM brought the GE repeater that was on 147.03 to give to Jim. Mike KE3JP retuned the repeater for 145.13 and it will be placed at the Norrisville site as a hot standby should something happen to the setup at the fairgrounds. Gary suggested we take the two antennas at the Norrisville site and put them together. Jim and Jaime are going to rebuild the wiring harness for the old duplexers for that site.

*NET* – Jerry WA3ZSC said all is going well. He thanked Mark N3PBQ and Bill KB3OXV for volunteering to be Net Control on Monday and Friday nights, respectively.

*SKYWARN* – Jaime WW3S asked for volunteers to be Net Control for the Sunday Night ARES Net. Jim K3TLP volunteered for October. Jaime also said there was a partial skywarn net recently but nothing much developed weather wise.

*SPECIAL EVENTS* – Mark KM3P reported on the Tour de Tamarack Bicycle race that was held recently. The club received a donation from the French Creek Trail Association for helping with that race and the club also received a donation from the Cochranon Fair Parade Committee for our help with the Cochranon Fair Parade. The Halloween Parade will be on 30 October 2010 which is the same day as the Severe Emergency Test. Mark N3PBQ is looking for help with the Drake Well Marathon on 22 August 2010 and the Oil Creek 100 on 16/17 October 2010.

*FIELD DAY* – Jim K3TLP has a Cushcraft A3 Tri-Band Beam he is willing to fix up and bring along for Field Day next year. He has the 40 Meter add on. Because of this Jim did not check on the same antenna that was for sale in Warren, OH.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mark KM3P said he had a current attendance roster with him and anyone wanting to know if they are eligible to vote at the December meeting can see him after the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Rich WA3MCH presented the bills totaling ##. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ralph KA3CDH and seconded by Barry WA3GSH. Motion carried.
2. Jim K3TLP has a leftover batch of chili from Field Day in his freezer. He will bring it to the next meeting. Gary WA3NSM made a motion that Jim get some Hot Dogs to bring as well. A second was received from Ralph KA3CDH and the motion carried.
3. Three applications for membership were received and read from Cliff Butcher, KB3UVO, Matt Vogt KB3UZP, and Russ Hazelton. Per the Constitution applications for membership will be read at one meeting and voted upon at the next.
4. A VE Testing session has been scheduled for 13 November 2010. It will be here at St. Brigid's Church and will start at 10AM.
5. Mark N3PBQ said the NBEMS Net on Wednesday evening now has a slightly different schedule than when it started. Now things start at 6:30PM for those who are beginners, and those more advanced now start at 7PM. Also the Echolink has been off the air due to some computer issues.

A 50/50 drawing was held and # collected. # was won by Jerry WA3ZSC and he donated his financial earnings back to the club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

There was no program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Benson KM3P