

11 July 2019 NOARC Meeting

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by CJ KJ4PIU, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by CJ KJ4PIU.

Attendance:

The meeting was conducted by President CJ KJ4PIU, and there were 18 members present.

Secretary Report: CJ KJ4PIU, asked if any changes were needed to June minutes posted on line. Mike KI4FNA made a motion to accept the June minutes, 2nd by Bruce KA5DLV and approved by membership.

Treasurer Report: Ron KI5FR provided the treasury report. Bruce KA5DLV made a motion to accept the Treasurer report, 2nd by Charles KL7LS, and approved by membership.

Repeater / ARES

Steve N4GXX was not present and no repeater report was given. CJ KJ4PIU, commented that he did not know of any issues with the repeater. There was no AREAS report given. However, Ron KI5FR said that the City of Crestview is in the process of moving the Emergency Operation Center.

Executive Report

No issues to report

Training

Mike W4BMZ reported that the Boy Scouts would like to have NOARC provide a class on the Radio Merit Badge. This would take place at the Emergency Operations Center on the campus of Northwest Florida State College in Niceville. 10 scouts are projected to take the course. The course will be conducted in two 3 hour sessions on Saturday the 10th of August. We will need about 6 members to teach the course and have others at their homes for scouts to contact. Mike KK4KRZ made a motion for NOARC to support the Radio Merit Badge course on 10 August. 2nd Craig KK4WDQ and approved by membership.

Please contact Don Snyder, KC6IPO, or Mike Behr, W4BZM if you can help with scout Radio Merit Badge class. There is more information on the NOARC website.

Volunteer Examiners:

Craig KK4WDQ encouraged members to become VEs. You must be at least a General Class license holder. You can take the VE training on the ARRL web site and receive a certificate from ARRL. With

the ARRL certificate you can contact WESTCARS and receive their certification. CJ KJ4PIU congratulated Patty Adams KM4OZK for becoming a VE.

Activities:

Rich N4DPM listed the Tech Night schedule. July 25th "How Repeaters Work", August 26th "Balun and Feed lines", September "Reactance, Impedance, and Resistance", October 24th "Balanced Feed lines", November is open for a topic.

Upcoming activities include; On 31 October Live Oak Baptist Church (LOBC) has their fall festival and request club members to help with parking. Volunteers will use HTs and the NOARC repeater for communication. Craig KKRWDQ asked members if they had or could obtain some traffic cones for parking. On 11 November Crestview hosts the Veterans Parade. A volunteer is needed to head this up. Club members will be asked to help line-up floats. The parade is in the morning and will be over by noon. On December the 7th Crestview host the Christmas Parade. Again volunteers are needed. NOARC has a command post and also needs volunteers with HTs to provide line-up support and general communication for the Christmas parade. This is a great activity for new Hams.

Website Report:

CJ KJ4PIU, said the web site is up and working with no reported problems.

ARES Report:

Steve N4GXX was not in attendance but Ron KI5FR said that the city of Crestview was changing the location of the Emergency Operations Center.

Station Report: Bob N4CU asked for members to man the station so new Hams can get some experience and training. Elmer's are needed to assist new Hams. Some members commented that it was easier to have the new Hams use the Elmer's home station. Since the Club lost their two HF rigs (FT-450) when the power surged you need to bring your own HF rig to use the station antennas. Also those Elmer's living in "south county" find it better when the new Hams are from the "south county" to use their home station, rather than both driving to Crestview and use the station. Bob said we have very good antennas at the club station and members can bring their radios until the club replaces the HF rigs.

Old Business:

CJ KJ4PIU, indicated that he was working with LOBC about the replacement of the two FT450 radios lost to a power surge. There were no more details about the radios at this time. The Club has three tables at the Milton Ham Fest and members are encouraged to bring their items

for sale. Rich N4DPM said a person donated some old ham gear to the club. This gear would be sold at the Milton hamfest.

New Business:

If members want a club T-Shirt contact Alex KC7MEX.

Scott KF6LEC, gave a report on the June 2019 Field Day. 17 members were on hand for Friday afternoon set up, 41 people attended the Saturday Field Day, 9 members slept overnight on Saturday, and 19 members stayed to help clean-up on Sunday. The \$100.00 prize for the most contacts was won by Mark KA5NDH with 46, 2nd was KI4NEU with 44 and 3rd was KN4UDV with 40. Mark KA5NDH donated the prize money to the club. Scott made a motion for the club to give the city of Paxton \$100.00 for use of their facility. 2nd by Don KC6IPO, and approved by the membership.

Scott said the club needs to buy 30 guide cable winders. This will make it easier to store the guide cables. Craig KK4WDQ, made a motion to spend up to \$175.00 for the winders. 2nd by Mike KK4KRZ, and approved by the membership.

Scott suggest that the club take part in the Winter Field Day (January 25th and 26th 2020). He also suggested we host the field day at a new county park on Hwy 393. This will give the club more opportunity to practice are emergency skills. After discussion Charles KL7LS, made a motion for the club to participate in Winter Field Day. 2nd by Scott KF6LEC, and approved by the membership.

Mike W4BZM made a motion for NOARC to participate in the Boy Scout Radio Merit badge event on 10 August 2019. 2nd by Craig KK4WDQ and approved by the membership.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike KK4KRZ, 2nd by Mike KJ4FNA and carried unanimously to accept the motion with no opposing votes.

Submitted by Mike Martell, KK4KRZ
Acting Secretary