

Bonac Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting

March 22, 2012

K2SRB brought meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Congratulations were offered to Matt Stutterheim, who successfully passed the Technician Exam.

Minutes of previous meeting was read by KC2SWB. KC2TYY made a motion to accept minutes of previous meeting and this motion was seconded by KC2PRS. All were in favor.

WA2YMR gave treasurer's report. As of 3/22/2012 the Club has \$1850.18 in account. We have 28 paid members to date. We have collected \$605 in dues to date, including \$60.00 that was received at beginning of this meeting. KC2PRS made a motion to accept treasurer's report, KC2SWB seconded motion. All were in favor.

Business:

N2NEI mentioned that Jim Moeller's Yaesu FT-2000 D was "For Sale". This radio is in mint condition, and retails for approximately \$3400.

K2SRB asked what everyone thought about the Club having a credit card again. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the Club would get a Credit Card, with a limit placed on it.

WA2YMR and KC2TGD are in the process of setting up Paypal on our Club website. This can be used to pay dues or for the club to receive donations.

Grants are still a work in progress. WA2YMR and N2NEI to setup meeting with Easthampton Town officials.

Regarding establishing a High School Club, we have approval from the high school administration and 2 teachers are willing to work with us. Discussion ensued. N2NEI expressed concern about "time and commitment". K2SRB mentioned maybe we could do a rotation. The intention would be to get the teachers licensed. K2SRB said he would call ARRL to see if they have any helpful material or packages to help in this endeavor. Discussion ensued regarding whether the high school club would become part of our club or establish their own club with their own call sign.

N2NEI told everyone that this was the last call for Dayton 2012 Hamfest. Let him know if you are interested, no later than this coming Monday.

Field Day: Discussion about Field Day 2012 ensued. K2SRB reported that a permit had been granted and that we would have to meet with the manager at the County Park for ironing out details. K2GSJ mentioned concern about "tick-borne diseases". Everyone agreed this is a concern. K2SRB stated that when we talk to the Park manager, we would attempt to get grass cut short just before Field Day and also attempt to get the area sprayed for ticks. K2SRB mentioned that this is a serious matter.

Buddipole DX-pedition 2012: K2GSJ will be apart of the Buddipole DX-pedition to the Island of Montserrat. Expedition is from April 9th until April 16th.

N2NEI has been working on IRLP and Echolink on the N2NEI repeater. A new "sound card" is to be installed soon.

KC2SWB reported that the Club Coffee Mugs had arrived. Discussion ensued. KC2SWB stated the total cost of 72 mugs was \$277.92. Discussion ensued. The Mugs cost \$3.86 each. Nat made a motion to reimburse KC2SWB for this expense and to sell the mugs at \$5.00. This motion was seconded by K2GSJ all were in favor.

All members should be aware that help can be given to erect antennas, evaluate station problems etc.

A date will be chosen to work on antennas for Field Day.

Question and Answer session ensued.

Meeting adjourned by K2SRB.

KC2SWB sold 17 mugs at end of meeting.

In attendance: N2NEI, Nat; K2SRB, Steve; WA2YMR, Jerry; KT4NL, Bill; KC2SWB, Martin; KC2TGD, Eddie; KC2PRS, Al; K2GSJ, Tom; KC2IXD, Jim; KB2YEK, Harvey; KC2TYY, Charlie; and Matt Stutterheim.

These minutes recorded by KC2SWB, Martin Croke, Secretary of the Bonac Amateur Radio Club