

Montgomery Hamfest

November 21, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by ARC President Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB.

Minutes from previous meeting of Huntsville Hamfest were distributed, read and approved with vote.

Presidents Report

Ben expressed his thanks to ARC, and that he is excited to lead during the next four years. He recapped the meeting at Huntsville, and looks forward to a great 2016.

Vice-President Report

Dennis Littleton, K4DL discussed the formation of the Technical Committee. He would like ARC, and Committee, to serve as a resource for owners and trustees to have the information they need to help build and troubleshoot issues with repeater projects. He would like to provide online links to articles that members might find helpful, and share information about issues they have encountered over the years of building, maintaining and operating repeaters.

Dennis has been working with Ben on the purchase of ARRL Operations Manuals, as well as many that have been bought by ARC and others donated by Ben. Dennis has purchased a Stamp indicating the books were purchased by the ARC. The intent is for Directors and Members of ARC to have books on-hand to distribute to their local Hams that may need the resource and information.

Dennis added that he would like to see ARC have a presence with booths at as many Hamfests around the state, besides the four main events that ARC hosts meetings. Representatives from ARC can be on hand to answer questions, provide coordination and membership forms. He suggested that ARC purchase a banner to help identify the booths at the Hamfest around the area: No additional steps were made in approving or discussion of this purchase.

Financial Report

Kirk, N4KRJ presented the up-to-date financial report. Current balances were:

Checking : 3797.72

Savings : 5787.50

As normal, larger expenses for the year included mileage reimbursements for Officers to attend Hamfests. One large purchase of ARRL Operating Manuals totaling 994.86 was offset by a donation, as well as the reimbursements to attend Mobile Hamfest totaling 750.00.

Frequency Coordinator Report

Howard, K4WWN reported that he has had a few requests for coordination and relocation of repeaters. His written report is attached to the main document.

Directors Report

Lester Crane, WA4CYA– System Fusion repeater online in Birmingham area.

Tommy Golden, W4WTG– No major issues

Wiley Boswell, KE4LTT– Southern Baptist Disaster Relief 444.625 Repeater moving near Prattville.

Fusion System going online in Montgomery.

Bob Luman, W4MPQ– Fusion System is running well in his area. Andalusia repeater is offline because they have lost their tower site.

James Nelson, KE4GWW – No major issues.

Frank Butler – Florida Repeater Council

Everything is going well in the Florida area. No major issues to report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The remainder of the time of the meeting was spent by those present opening and stamping the ARRL Operations Handbook. Each Director and Officer took books for their area. Other members present also took a few to help distribute as they see the need around the state.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ

Attendees:

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ
Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB
Mike Shaw, NR4B
Tommy Golden, W4WTG
Bob Schafer, KA4PKB
Kris Kirby, KE4AHR
Frank Bulter, W4RH
Lester Crane, WA4CYA
Wiley Boswell, KE4LTT
Ken Beardend, WD4MHS

Dennis Littleton, K4DL
Howard Grant, K4WWN
Eileen Sexton, KM4ASI
Michael Claunch, N4MKE
James Nelson, KE4GWW
John Melcher, Jr., N8JUC
Roger Parsons, KK4UDU
Bob Luman, W4MPQ
Grady Evans, W4GLE

- Bold names indicated dues paid