

Huntsville Ham fest Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by David Drummond, W4MD.  
Minutes from previous meeting were distributed, read and approved.

David commented there were plans for a Newsletter, but solicited information from Directors.  
He is also continuing to work on organizing officer and director's elections and terms.  
David also acknowledged Frank Butler W4RH, being in attendance.

Dave Baughn, KX4I, (VP) had no report, but commented on Howard's continued great work as  
Frequency Coordinator.

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ, presented treasurer's report:

Current Checking Balance: 2937.21

Current CD Balance : 5683.63

Howard Grant, K4WWN (Frequency Coordinator) gave his report:

ARRL data has been submitted

Most coordination activity is in the UHF bands. Slow in VHF

Some discussion about allocating 145 ~ 145.8 may be used for DSTAR

Ron, W4VM, suggested to actively pursuing any channels that are available.

David Baughn made a motion to insert the frequencies into the available list.

Ron Shaffer second.

After discussion: Ron Shaffer amended motion to add SERA 1.4 and 2.4 split channel rules with  
same current understanding as experimental use. Motion seconded

Motion Approved as Amended by voice vote.

Howard continues to work on non-updated repeater lists.

About 36 on the list unable to contact.. but continue to clean up list.

During general discussion:

Question was raised as to why ARC is not a member of SERA.

Ron, W4VM explained reasoning as to why ARC is not a member.

David, W4MD added information as part of discussion.

Ron, W4VM suggesting a more in-depth discussion during the Montgomery Hamfest on DSTAR  
and frequency use / allocations.

Directors Report:

Ron Arant, N4PHP – 220 repeater on air.. No BHM area issues.

Jack Evans, KC4PZA – working with Tuscaloosa area linking projects

Dennis Duren, KE4ROA – New antenna installed at Dixon Mills

Bob Luman, - W4MPQ – Greenville UHF / VHF DStar installs ongoing.

Andalusia site having antenna problems. Enterprise DSTAR on hold