

Mon County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Mon County Amateur Radio Club met at the Post 174, American Legion, 3470 Earl L Core Rd, Morgantown, WV by President Allen Harris. Allen opened the meeting at 0914 and Club Chaplain Chuck Strahin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Allen led a "once around the room" for introductions.

Three new members were introduced: Dylan Warren, Mike Riley and Jack Martin.

Those in attendance were: Allen Harris, KD8BMI, President; Alex Lugo, KD8NZX, Vice President; Linda Marden, KE8AMQ, Secy; Steve Miller, K8BBL, Treasurer; Peter Billie, WA8TGG; Charles Strahin, Chaplain, KD8TYQ; Chris Deems, KE8YYM; Alan Blosser, KD8YLQ; Reggie Riley, KE8WWX; Joel Bowlby, KE8WIC and new members Jack Martin, KC3YLF; Dylan Warren, W8DYL; & Mike Riley, KF8AQR.

Steve Miller, Treasurer, gave the financial report. The club has approximately \$3,700 in the account with an \$80 per month obligation for trailer storage. There was an expense of approx \$110 for the website in early April and will be an expense of approx \$200 for the accounting service soon. He also mentioned that the club spends \$960/year to store the trailer and asked if anyone had a location on their property that we could store a small trailer. Alan Blosser said he may have a location and will let us know. It would be in the Granville area.

Steve mentioned that Ty Crawford, our webmaster, needs some help due to his workload. New member Dylan Warren spoke up and said he may be able to help. Steve will forward the information to Ty so Ty and Dylan can get together and see what can be worked out.

Steve advised that we have one new Volunteer Examiner for testing, Paul White. He has an Extra class license and has been approved by W5YI as an Extra Class Volunteer Examiner.

Peter Billie discussed the upcoming hamfests in Berryville and Manassas and mentioned the 2 meter contest that happens two weeks before field day.

Peter also discussed all of the MCARC Nets and the issues with the 70cm repeater. He then led an informational talk on the use of the repeater after a declared emergency or other emergency event. There were some issues on the Hamtalk system about 3 weeks ago due to people not handling the emergency situation properly. Peter explained the proper protocol for such events. Chuck Strahin gave details of the event and further explained why the emergency protocol needs to be followed.

Steve reminded the members that elections are coming up and that we need people to step up and help with the club functions.

Steve mentioned that two of our Extra class VEs will not be at the May meeting due to schedule conflicts so there may need to be a modification of the testing for May. An email will be sent out to announce the testing schedule for the May 18th meeting approximately 7 days prior to the meeting.

The Black Box collected \$190 this month and was won by Mike Riley. There was an HF radio in the box that Mike did not want. A second ticket was pulled and Joel Bowlby won the radio.

With no other business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1010 a.m.

After the meeting new member Jack Martin passed his General Level exam. Congratulations Jack!!

The club then headed to Coopers Rock for a POTA outing.

Steve Miller
Acting as Secretary
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