

Mon County Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 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 0910 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Allen led a "once around the room" for introductions.

Two guests, Justin Kirk & Thomas Adkins were in attendance. They both planned to test for Technician after the meeting.

Those in attendance were: Allen Harris, KD8BMI, President; Alex Lugo, KD8NZX, Vice President; Steve Miller, K8BBL, Treasurer; Alan Blosser, KD8YLQ; Hasith Perera, KE8TJE; Chris Condon, N2BNW; Ty Crawford, WN3TYC, Jim Morris, KF8BKH; Peter Billie, WA8TGG; Reggie Riley, KE8WWX; Paul White KD8YDO plus our two guests.

Steve Miller, Treasurer, gave the financial report. The club has approximately \$4,000 in the account with an \$80 per month obligation for trailer storage. He also mentioned that the club repeater needs work.

Allen and Peter Billie led a discussion the upcoming field day. The event will be at the Boy Scout camp in Grafton (same as last year). A few people will go to the site a day early to set up antennas. As soon as the date & time is determined an email will go out to let everyone know. Antennas can also be set up at the event. It was discussed that due to space limitation the food will be set up in a separate tent (near the pavilion). It was also discussed that the locations of the antennas will be somewhat monitored due to interference caused by the close proximity of multiple setups.

Allen mentioned that there will be a pot luck at the event and passed around a sheet for people to list what they will bring. It was mentioned that this does not prevent people from bringing additional items.

Allen then brought up elections and stated that we need people to step up and help with the club management and leadership. Jim Morris stepped up and volunteered for the VP position but clearly stated that he will miss 4 or 5 meetings in the near future. No other members stepped up to help. It was pointed out that Allen has been President and Alex has been Vice President for over 13 years and want to retire. Steve stated that he has only been Treasurer for 2 or 3 years but that he will be 75 on his next birthday (November 2024) and needs someone younger to take over.

The following was decided (as a course of action): The elections were put on hold until the July 20, 2024 meeting to give people time to think about how they can help. If no one is willing to assume the positions then the club will be shut down as per the procedure in the bylaws.

Due to this situation the annual dues that are due every June were not collected at this meeting. If the club remains in operation after the July 2024 meeting dues will be collected at that meeting.

Ty Crawford was having new ID cards printed. He will be going through Vista Print. The cost will be approximately \$100. This was also put on hold until the July meeting.

Peter Billie explained the situation with the Hamtalk link system causing problems on our 2m repeater. He has spoken with radio specialists and informed the members that a 'can' can be added to our system to filter out the Hamtalk system. The 'can' is approximately \$600 and we can install it ourselves.

Peter then advised the members (and passed out flyers) about the Statewide Amateur Radio Convention on July 27, 2024 in Flatwoods.

The Black Box collected \$240 this month and was won by Chris Condon.

With no other business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1011 AM.

After the meeting Justin Kirk and Thomas Adkins both passed their Technician exam. Congratulations!!

Steve Miller
Acting as Secretary
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