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President's Corner

Prior to the August meeting KA9SFW (Jim) read a statement dealing with the problems and dissention that have been evident with the membership. Personal attacks will no longer be tolerated at meetings. He emphasized that we are a team. Respect for other members should be emphasized. We are adults and must act like adult to be successful.

He made a suggestion that we consider building receivers that will only receive the Skywarn net. They could be distributed to the elderly and disabled so that they can monitor the progress of Skywarn nets.

Secretary's Column

Very important meeting this month!! Yes. It's that time of the year again – Election Time. Now is the opportunity to choose those who will be the club leaders for the upcoming year. We do however next to have a quorum present to the meeting to hold those elections. Last month we just barely had a quorum. Remember that in order to either vote or hold office you must be either a Life Member or have your dues paid for the upcoming year. Please bring your application and dues to the next meeting so that you will be allowed to vote. It's your club, and this is your opportunity to voice your opinions. We have some good candidates, but we could always use more. If you feel you could do a good job in any of the offices let me know – I'll be happy to nominate you.

73's for this month

Don - N9VJV

Last Months Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 19:10 hours by (KA9SFW (Jim). Introductions followed. Officers present were: NW9V (Phil), KB9JLB (Barb), and N9VJV (Don). Also present at the meeting were:

NW9V	KA9J	KB9JLB
KC9BST	WB9PDD	KB9LMK



KA9SFW	N9LJY	KA9ZJJ
N9OZD	KB4NEN	WA9IL
KB9OEX	AB9EE	K9GHX
N9VJV		

A motion to accept the minutes as published in CQ Bars was made by KA9ZJJ (Marti), seconded by KC9BST (Lisa) and carried.

No Treasurers report was available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 meter: KA9J (Frank) reported that it's still working. There are possible sensitivity problems.

220/440 220 WA9IL (John) reported that the 220 machine is still out for repairs. 440 machine working fine.

Net Control: NW9V (Phil) No net is currently being aired. Phil wants to meet with Ron .to ask if he would help get it started again. Lisa suggested a joint operation with Bolingbrook/Will County ARES. Elden acted as net control for a part of the FLA hurricane net.

Hamfest: N9LJY (Tom) thanked Elden for allowing him to meet with the ARES group and for publicizing the Hamfest. He expressed his appreciation for all of the workers who turned out to help. He read a letter from one of the vendors who wrote to thank us for our unloading and reloading assistance. Tom reported a possible conflict next year with the Hamfesters hamfest. KA9J (Frank) will check with them.

Education: KA9J (Frank) reported that he and NW9V (Phil) will be getting a class started. Not date set yet. N9LJY (Tom) also volunteered to help.

VE: No Report.

Field Day: NW9V (Phil) reported that we earned 1806 points. The paperwork has been sent and verified. Out site at Veterans Woods has been reserved for 2005.

Public Relations: KA9ZJJ (Marti) reported that the field day article had appeared in the newspaper.

Skywarn KA9SFW (Jim) reported that when WX9WRN (Toni) net control took a power hit KN9OEX (Elden) immediately picked up

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as backup net control and the net continued without any hesitation. NW9V (Phil) reported that the NWS office also took a power hit and was on generator power.

Misc.: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

A motion to close old business was made by N9LJY (Tom), seconded by KN9BST (Lisa) and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

NW9V (Phil) reported that although N2BJ (Barry) is a Director he has not attended any club activities. KA9SFW (Jim) will contact him to ask what his intentions are.

Nominations for officers were opened.

President: NW9V (Phil) will consider. KB9LMK (Dale) and N9LJY (Tom) accepted

Vice President: AB9EE (Bob), WB9PDD (Stan), K9GHX (Jim), and WX9WRN (Toni) all accepted.

Secretary: N9VJV (Don) and KC9BST (Lisa) accepted.

Treasurer: KB9JLB (Barb) accepted

Nominations will be open until close of old business at the Sept meeting.

A motion to close new business was made by KB9LMK (Dale), seconded by KA9ZJJ (Marti) and seconded.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by KA9ZJJ (Marti), seconded by N9OZD (Keith) and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Don, N9VJV
Secretary

ARES COM" PLAN TO ENHANCE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY

The ARRL Board of Directors has adopted a resolution encouraging further development and expansion of an inaugural network to enhance the emergency communications capability of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). The action came during the Board' s meeting July 16-17. The Board had charged an ad hoc committee, dubbed "ARES COM," with developing an augmented ARES telecommunications system that would include rapid and accurate handling of long-range emergency communications. ARES COM recommended deployment of a digital e-mail system based on Winlink 2000 software. The Board encouraged the deployment of e-mail via Amateur Radio--"as exemplified by Winlink 2000"--to meet the needs of served agencies and others involved in providing disaster communications.

"The digital network will provide a value-added service for ARES and will continue to be viewed very positively by our served agencies," the committee said in its report to the Board. "This allows ARES to be viewed as modern and necessary instead of antiquated and invasive."

The committee, chaired by Great Lakes Division Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT, said situations arise when ARES must "pass message traffic across the nation quickly and accurately." It also said the need for such a nationwide ARES capability is likely to increase in light of the ARRL' s Citizen Corps partnership with

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the Department of Homeland Security.

Winlink 2000--a worldwide Amateur Radio digital radio e-mail system--already is widely used by the blue water boating and recreational vehicle communities. Members of the ARRL Programs and Services Committee witnessed a Winlink 2000 demonstration at ARRL Headquarters the day before the board meeting.

The ARRL Board extended the committee' s charter until its January 2005 meeting so ARES COM can complete an implementation plan that ensures that ARES has "the prominent role" in managing the national network and that ARES officials and appropriate ARRL Headquarters staffers have a chance to critique the network' s operation to ensure it meets the requirements of ARES and its served agencies.

A two-part series appearing in the August and September 2004 issues of QST, "Winlink for ARES," by ARRL South Texas Section Emergency Coordinator Jerry Reimer, KK5CA, outlines an enhanced ARES network that would include e-mail capability over HF links.

Assistance requested

The Plainfield Homecoming Parade 2004, is in need of hams to help out along the route. Attending Hams will be working with the Plainfield EMA/Police. The parade is September 25th. If you are interested, please contact Roger Bonuchi at: mrbonuchi@yahoo.com

From: J.Pavlick [mailto:J.Pavlick@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2004 7:37 PM

To: tb1301@comcast.net

Subject: RE: Hamfest Info

Tom,

I am writing this letter to thank you and the volunteers who worked the Bolingbrook Hamfest this weekend. I was very pleasantly surprised when I arrived without tickets to find helpful people directing me to the proper area for unloading and to find people help me unload my vehicle and set up tables and then at the end of the day to find additional helpers to reload the vehicle. Some of your workers even stopped by during the day to see how things were going and to see if I needed anything or had and problems that needed to be addressed. Well Done.

I must admit that this was one of the best organized events that I had attended in quite awhile. I will most certainly look forward to next years event and wish that you pass on to the members of your organization my appreciation and thanks for a wonderful show.

Sincerely,
Jerry Pavlick
Chippybird Enterprises, Inc.

Fee Changes

New vanity fee goes into effect August 6: The FCC has announced that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee of \$20.80 for the 10-year license term will go into effect August 6, 2004. Applicants for amateur vanity call signs will continue to pay the \$16.30 fee per vanity call sign application until the new fee goes into effect. All applications received at the FCC on or after August 6 must be accompanied by the new, higher fee.

Some articles in this issue courtesy of the ARRL Newsletter.