

Douglas County Amateur Radio Club WØUK

General Meeting Minutes

(January 8, 2020)

Flory Meeting Hall – Douglas County Fairgrounds – Lawrence, Kansas

A general meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill Wachpress, KØBTY, at 7:04 PM.

The meeting was opened with introductions of all in attendance. A total of 17 members and guests were present.

Officers Present:

~~President: Dave Klamet, WØFEY~~

Vice President: Bill Wachpress, KØBTY

Secretary: Kenneth Kopp, AKØA

Treasurer: Virginia Filardo, KDØLFH

Backup Treasurer: John Harris, N6UOP

ARES EC: Kevin Oneslager, KSØEGL

Training and Education Manager: Jim Cessna, ACØKN

~~Program Manager: Mark Randel, KCØNFS~~

~~Field Day Managers: Dave Klamet, WØFEY and Ken Filardo, KAØTHK~~

Repeater Managers: ~~Skylar Huffman, KUØJHK~~ and John Harris, N6UOP

Web Site Maintainer: ~~Stephen Klamet, KEØTMA~~

The previous meeting minutes were not read out, due to the change in administration the previous year's secretary being unavailable. The December meeting was the club Christmas dinner. The only business conducted during the December meeting was the election of club officers.

A treasurer's report was given by Virginia, KDØLFH:

Expenses:	\$40.60	(Paid to Stephen Klamet for Christmas BBQ) (Club also owes Kevin \$65.00 for Christmas BBQ)
General Fund:	\$1643.58	
<u>Repeater Fund:</u>	<u>\$358.01</u>	
Total:	\$2001.59	

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bill – W9ANF seconded by Jim – ACØKN, and unanimously approved by the membership.

Old Business:

Winter field day plans were discussed. WFD will be at Dave's house (WØFEY) on Jan. 25. Additional information and directions (google map) will be placed on the website and sent to the club e-mail list. We plan to have several radios (possibly 4 or more rigs and several antenna options) available to operate. Food and refreshments will be coordinated.

ARES/EC Report: Kevin KS0ØEGL encouraged club members to check into the Sunday night ARES net at 8:00 PM on WØUK repeater. He is also working on a training schedule and hopes to get a group together to participate in this year's simulated emergency test (SET). KU's EM indicates they would like to have a ham station available. Eudora and Lawrence officials were impressed and complimented ARES for ham radio operators' assistance at the Hawk Hundred. Kevin has been participating in disaster communications related to both the Australia wildfire and the Puerto Rico earthquake.

Jim ACØKN suggested that the Club net be moved to Sunday night, prior to the ARES net (Sunday at 7:30 PM). Membership consented, no vote was taken.

Repeater Report: John N6UOP, has received a few complaints about the repeater timing-out on users with no courtesy tone. He plans to go out soon to check the controller settings. Ken AKØA mentioned that the repeater CW IDer needs to be checked, as it sends WØUK "ER" instead of WØUK "/R." John states that the controller board is outdated and could be upgraded for about \$120. Members discussed whether to spend the funds now or later. Jim, ACØKN, made a motion to spend the funds to upgrade the controller, seconded by Al, WØOUU and was unanimously approved by members present. John also encouraged officers and membership to think about ways to raise money for repeater fund.

Training/Education Report: Jim ACØKN would like to see the club hold four VE test sessions per year. The club just sponsored a test session with about a dozen examinees. He suggested another one be held in May, before field day, and two others later in the year. He would also like to see the club teach one license class per year. Jim is looking for volunteers to help as instructors. (Discussion, no vote)

John, N6UOP mentioned that there are discussions about the potential to host a hamfest in Lawrence, possibly during the summer or fall. Club is also interested in the possibility of hosting the state convention. (Discussion, no vote.)

The club's 2020 meeting schedule was discussed. The August meeting is planned to be held at the library, since Flory Hall is not available. The November meeting falls on Veteran's Day and will be moved to Nov. 12.

New Business:

Alan WØOUU passed along regards from former club member Bob Rainbolt WBØAUQ.

N6UOP mentioned that Jim KCØIDF is moving to Butte, Montana.

Jim ACØKN mentioned that Larry's List has moved to groups.io.

Richard KEØSWG showed the club a RFI warning sign from a meat distribution center in Edwardsville Missouri that was given to him as a gift.

Vice President, Bill KØBTY and Secretary Ken AKØA discussed rearranging the order of future meetings. It was proposed that a social period be held from about 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with the presentation at 7:00 PM, and the business meeting following the presentation. A motion was made by Bill, W9ANF, seconded by Jim, ACØKN and was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin KCØEGL, seconded by Bill W9ANF, and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

/s/
Ken, AKØA

Date