

DIXIE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

Board minutes from 1/5/2017 at 7:00 PM at Washington County Library

1. Attending: Harold Wells, Lynden Kendrick, Deborah Porter, James Moore, Jim Ashby and Brady MacPherson came a bit late. Jerry Porter was also there to observe.
2. Election of Officers was held. The results are as follows: Harold Wells, President; Jim Ashby, Vice President; James Moore, Treasurer; Lynden Kendrick, Secretary; and Brady MacPherson and Deborah Porter will be Board Members at Large.
3. The reason we have 6 Board Members rather than the required 5 was discussed. Last year there was a tie so the two who tied both became Board Members.
4. Harold Wells handed out a proposed agenda, see attached.
5. We talked about the 1st meeting for the year, January 18th. It was decided to: (a) introduce new board members/officers, (b) Have a SHORT meet and greet, and (c) have a short presentation of 10 to 20 minutes. LK will contact someone to talk about weather stations, why a number of ham operators have them, why they are useful and interesting to have, etc. He may also want to talk about the separate button some radios have to connect to forecasts and how to connect to the FM station weather alerts.
6. For February, Scott Smith knows a couple of ham operators who will make a presentation on SOTA--we had to look up what SOTA means.
7. Lynden Kendrick mentioned he has a projector that can be used on Club nights.
8. We talked about getting kids and teenagers involved more in ham radio. James Moore mentioned we could volunteer for shorter events (than the Marathon) like 5 or 10 k runs. We talked about special awards or participating.
9. James Moore noted we need to work on retention of members. Now, we don't do anything if someone forgets to pay their membership dues. We could send a letter or send an email to encourage them to stay with us. We have Pay Pal set up so they can pay on-line. James Moore noted that our membership roster computer program needs some work. James Moore and Jim Ashby will get together to see what has to be done.
10. James handed out a Financial Sheet that showed where expediters and income came from during 2016. We have about \$2000 in a separate account, also for solar and battery backup for our repeaters. Taxes need to be completed for 2015 and 2016. He will work on that.
11. Jim Ashby mentioned that Wilson Electronics donated a \$20,000 Spectrum Analyzer...good for repairing radios...to the Club.
12. We need a short equipment rack for radios, etc. up at Torquerville. LK will check with a friend, Bryce Thornburg, to see if he has one.
13. Jim Ashby talked about some of the problems in maintaining the building and equipment at TQ. Rats can get in and birds steal some of the filter material to make nests.

14. The Board talked about giving out tickets (to be redeemed at the Christmas party). This was done some years ago and seemed to help participation. Some events may be worth more than one ticket.

15. We need a flyer for the Marathon. This flyer can be put in the runner's bags to let them know about us and to encourage them to donate money to help with expenses and projects; i.e., our solar backup. Nick Nichols's name was suggested as a possibility for someone to help with the project. Jim Ashby has a relative who can do printing at cost. Other ideas other than a flyer were discussed.

16. The Board talked about getting more committee's to help with projects. It get's members involved and spreads out the work. It was suggested that we appoint (or have someone volunteer) for the chairperson, then get 2 or 3 others on the committees. A Board Member can serve as an advisor to these different committees.

17. We discussed having an Elmer's table set up after the regular Club meeting so people can ask questions. We also talked about having a special Elmer's net (after the Sunday Net) so people could check in and ask questions.

18. We talked about assigning a member to take one day each weekday to be available on Webb Hill to answer questions and "chat" with members. Much of the time, our repeater system goes unused.

19. We could set up a table with applications, flyers about the club, a repeater list, ARRL information, etc. and have someone there for questions before the Club meeting. It would have to be done so as not to interfere with testing.

20. Jim Ashby moved that we adjourn at 8:30. It was seconded and voted on. It snowed about 2 inches outside during the meeting that night.

Dixie Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting January 5, 2017

Vote on positions for Board Members.

President *Harold*

Vice President *Jim*

Treasurer *James*

Secretary *Lynn*

Board Member *Robbie*

Board Member *Boady*

Presentations for club meetings

January- Introduce board members and members

Talk about what members want to do this year.

February- Scott Smith has a "SOTA" presentation by two people.

Things we need to work on this year:

Flyer for the St. George Marathon. Lynn Bateman should have details.

*goes with Business Plan to get them
to donate as the club*

Solar for our repeater sites, starting with Toquerville