

Minutes 5/4/2017 Started meeting at 8:05 PM See attached Board Meeting Agenda.

Attendees: Jim Ashby, Harold Wells, James Moore, Lynden Kendrick, Brady McPhearson (came late). Guest Mike Blenderman

1. Minutes were read and approved at 7:12 PM. Harold made a motion, James 2nd and all approved
2. Harold talked about contesting. He called Washington City. They don't allow any overnight booths or activities. He will contact Ric Wayman to see about logging software.
3. He talked about where to have our field day. Highland Park costs \$200. Some alternative ideas were: Old airport (DXATC), Elks Club, a golf course, Worthen Park and Mac offered his cabin in Duck Creek. DXATC--Jim will contact Jason Whipple. For Worthen or another SGC park, we could have Lynn Bateman contact the Marathon guy?? Harold will call him. Lyn will check with his Bishop Gubler at DSU to see if we could use a field or one of their buildings.
4. Lyn will call Kami regarding the Marathon Flyer...putting it into runner bags.
5. Jim got a cost for his sister in Texas to print the Flyer...\$0.20 per sheet. We talked about alternatives. At 7:50 PM, Lyn made a motion, Harold 2nd and all approved that we pay Jim for his ink and paper to do the Flyers.
6. Mike talked about some of the pros and cons of using a Kenwood 820 (\$300 used) + \$95 for a used Duplexer (\$160 new). We need a Duplexer since the built-in one is only a notch filter on a 820. It would cost about \$680 for 2 Kenwood UHF repeaters. We only need one Alinco UHF radio for about \$229. We can get a new one for that much.
7. At 8:10 PM, Jim made a motion that we purchase a new Alinco, Harold 2nd and all approved.
8. It would cost about \$900 to \$2000 for a battery backup for each repeater site. This would be using a solar charger...which then could be used if we wanted to later.
9. We discussed the Icom 271a 2 meter radio donated by Garn. It's pretty big and complicated for a loaner mobile for new hams. Lyn will take it home and see if he can get it to work on local repeaters.
10. Lyn will get with Jim regarding "get to know us" flyers/handouts.
11. Brady discussed getting a Zello commercial interface. It would cost \$650 or \$499 for a lesser model. Harold suggested it's not in the budget now. Brady volunteered to take about 20 minutes in July to talk more about Zello.
12. Lyn said he would donate a new Baofeng UV-5R and program it for local repeaters. The radio and a mag mount antenna can be used as a loaner for new hams to get them started.
13. For July, we discussed having Bob or someone talk about the differences between D-Star, C4FM and dmr digital modes VHF radios.
14. Next month, we will hold the Board Meeting on the 7th of June, a Wednesday, since Harold will be tied up on the first Thursday. Harold will check on availability of the Library. Lyn will put something on the Web announcing this change.
15. At 9:10 James made a motion to adjourn, Jim 2nd and everyone approved.

Dixie Amateur Radio Club

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Read minutes from last month- Lynden

Presentations for club meetings

May Contests. Jack Reed and Mike Blenderman

June Field day logging, sign up for dinner, etc. *Discussed 21-4/25th*

July *Nothing yet* Zello & D-Star, etc

August Nick Nickle will do a "go box" presentation.

Things we need to work on this year:

Flyer for the St. George Marathon. Name and phone number for city official.

Solar for our repeater sites, starting with Toquerville. Would it be cheaper to have power brought to our site and add batteries for back up? Mike has concerns about vandalism on the mountains.

Garn Huntington has a 2 meter desk radio he would like to donate to the club to be given to a new ham to use until he upgrades to another radio. After that, it can be given to another new ham. *Discuss 271A DMR radio mounts*

What do you all think about having a "getting to know you" meeting?

James- presentation of software program. We need to talk more about this!

Items from Jim

Business cards

Welcome package for people taking the test, even if they do not pass.

Automating the membership process.

Now that summer is here, having radio in the park days.

What is the status of the Zello interface from Brady ** Zello - LCC*

I sent my sister the flyer and I should have a reply soon.

Harold will be out of town the first Thursday in June. Do we want to have board meeting on June 8th?

Any other business that we need to discuss.