

Ozone Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Business Meeting Agenda

Date: 8/2/2018

- Meeting Called to order (Jay KF5KAE) 7:30 PM
- Invocation: Tom KD5GFG
- Pledge of allegiance
- Self-Introductions all around
- Minutes only filed, not read
- Treasurer's Report (Tom KD5GFG) Accepted as Read.
- Committee reports
 - RFI (Sean N5PGO): No changes from last report.
 - Eating Meeting (Dominic W5DGM): This past Saturday at Navarro's in Lacombe. Dominic thanked everyone that came. He doesn't have another location yet, and is looking for ideas.
 - NETS:
 - 2-Meters (Tom KD5GFG): 72 Check-ins
 - 75 Meters(Dominic W5DGM): 31 Check-ins
 - 10 Meters(Ron WB5CXJ) No report
 - ARES (Manny WD5BJR): 96 Check-ins
 - Station Manager (Dave K5OZ): Not present no report.

- Computers (Emile KE5QKR): Manny WD5BJR brought some to the Hamfest. Emile will be working on a broken one here at the Club House.
- Field Day (Emile KE5QKR): Too early.
- Hamfest (Paul WB9SUG): Too early. Paul thanked everyone that worked the hamfest. Everyone at the hamfest was smiling and people left with lots of goodies.
- Repeater (John AA5UY): Everything is working. There are changes that need to be made. This will happen after Hurricane season.
- Classes (Frank WA5VCS): Nothing at this time.
- Exams (John AA5UY): At the hamfest test session, we had 1 new Technician, 3 new Generals and 3 new Extras.
- Weather Service (Ron WB5CXJ): Nothing New, Thank God!
- Asst. District 9 Coordinator (Manny WD5BJR): Not present no report.
- OARC Emergency Coordinator (John AA5UY): We had a meeting with the new mayor (AA5UY, WB5CXJ, K5OZ, WA5VCS). It went very well. Later AA5UY and WA5VCS visited the City Operations and found a VHF and a HF radio. The VHF works perfectly. The HF rig has problems. When all information is assembled we will schedule another meeting with the mayor.

- QRM (Emile KE5QKR): He is working on it. When he receives the Meeting Minutes he will finish and send the QRM out.
- Historian (Gail KC5CQJ): Nothing.
- Scholarship (Bill KF5PQ): Not present no report.
- Web Page (John AA5UY): John has added a fill-in-the-blanks form to the web site. This will allow members to update their information if they discover errors. We have some hamfest pictures on the page but more are coming.

Old Business: Frank, WA5VCS, made mention of the fact that 2 long time members had become Silent Keys. This hadn't been announced at a meeting. They are listed on the SK page of the web site. They are Joe Ambrose, WA4UST and Joe Lodota, W5IIA.

New business: Tom KD5GFG gave a report on our Hamfest. We had 298 visitors which is about average and we turned a tidy profit. This is a preliminary report as there are still some invoices outstanding.

For all who hadn't heard, Paul, WB9SUG, reported that Mack of MCM Computers had a heart attack but is doing well. He has been a long time vendor at our Hamfest.

Willie, K5CHC, was wondering if we did a follow up on our Vendors to see if they were happy. Tom, KD5GFG, said it hasn't been done. Paul, WB9SUG, reported that as he walked around the hamfest Floor talking to the vendors, and it was a good day. All were very happy with sales.

Jay KF5KAE had mentioned at a previous meeting that members should look for ideas to improve the event as they walked through the hamfest. No one came up with any real ideas at the meeting.

Tom, KD5GFG, thanked the person who got the new cash boxes because they made his job easier.

Henry, KG5FRI, reported that we needed 36 signs to properly mark the route to the hamfest. We now only have 20 and they are falling apart.

It was mentioned that we need more tickets and wrist bands for next year's hamfest.

The parking and walking to the Gym was discussed. No change will be coming as it involves a big insurance change.

The Fox Hunt was a too short of a time period event and not well recognized by the people at the hamfest.

Ron, WB5CXJ, reported that a reporter from Slidell Magazine was at the hamfest. She wants to do a feature article on the Club, possibly in January or February. Ron had directed her to our website for a start. While at the hamfest, she took pictures and attended forums. She was particularly interested in the NWS forum and may also do an article on them linking it to the OARC. She was put in contact with the Louisiana Section Manager and he said if she does the article, he can get it in the QST. Her father was a ham and her husband is an electronics technician. They will be coming to the club and we might get new members.

Ron, WB5CXJ, had a sample of a T-Shirt produced by his daughter. Ron wanted to know if any members of the club would be interested. The cost per shirt is \$17.95 plus shipping. A design must be developed.

Ron, WB5CXJ, also reported of a FCC fine on a Louisiana amateur. Also they fined Baofeng for selling non-FCC certified radios. Ron and John, AA5UY, talked about having their ht's tested in the ARRL's lab. It was reported by the ARRL that most name brand units passed.

As a final note, Jay, KF5KAE, reported on something he had heard on 20 Meters. A 91 year old shut-in ham, had had his tower and beam antenna put up by the local radio club for no charge. Jay wondered if the OARC had ever been involved in such activities.

Bob, KC5NNK, made the suggestion that we pass the hat at each meeting to collect money for replacing our hard line in case we should ever need to. This was approved and he sent a jar around collecting money.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM 24 Present