

Ozone Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Business Meeting Agenda

Date: 3/5/2020

- Meeting Called to order (Dave K5OZ) 7:30 PM
- Invocation Judy AA5UZ
- Pledge of allegiance
- Self-Introductions all around
- Minutes only filed, not read
- Treasurer's Report (Tom KD5GFG) Accepted as read.

Tom reported that one half of our roof repair cost was on this report and the other half would be on next month's report. Dave K5OZ thinks we have a roof that will be good for 10 years and if any problems are spotted, they will be corrected.

- Committee reports
 - RFI (open): Sean N5PGO said nothing new. Dave K5OZ did mention problems with the local cable company signal leakage.
- Eating Meeting (Paula KI5CDJ): plans forming
- NETS:
 - 2-Meters (Tom KD5GFG) 59 Check-ins
 - 10 Meters (Ron WB5CXJ) 39 Check-ins
 - ARES (Glen KG5CEN) 36 Check-ins

The ARES Net was only 3 Tuesday nights. It was suspended one Tuesday for the State of the Union Address.

- Station Manager (open): Jarrod AE5LG has taken a job with MFJ and now living in Mississippi. Bob KC5NNK has accepted the job as Station manager/ computers.
 - Computers (Bob KC5NNK):
 - Field Day (Emile KE5QKR): John AA5UY in his contact with the news paper, noted we had in the past had the Field day and Hamfest as a bundled news report.
1. Hamfest (DaveK5OZ): Dave has sent out letters to more possible vendors, but no replies as yet. Dave, Ron WB5CXJ and John AA5UY have visited and evaluated the auditorium. We have plenty of testing and forms rooms. The city will set up tables for us. We have 105 tables as compared to 90 at John Slidell Park. The stage set up is great and has room for multiple displays. There is the possibility that we may be able to use an already available Golden Throne from Dionysian Carnival Krewe for the QLF contest.
- Repeater (Dave K5OZ): We have new quotes to repair the repeater system. Our original quote to move and replace the antenna and duplexer was over \$12 K. With replacement and lowering of antennas we would have costs of over \$17K, way beyond our budget. Our new quote is still high for the original plans. We have a quote for climbing and direct replacement of the diplexer for \$1900. The new diplexer has a different mount so it appears its replacement and mounting will be approximately \$2700. We must buy the diplexer for \$475 and it will take 3 to 4 weeks to arrive. With this installed and

checking ground along the hardline, we may have a cost somewhere between \$3200 and \$3500.

We will have a Board Meeting on Tuesday March 10th, at 7:00 p.m. to go over the plans before presenting the final plan to the club for a vote.

- Classes (Frank WA5VCS): Nothing
- Exams (John AA5UY): No test planned before the hamfest.
- Weather Service (Ron WB5CXJ): Nothing new. For some reason they have not been producing hazardous weather reports. Ron doesn't know why.
- Asst. District 9 Coordinator (Manny WD5BJR) Not present no report.
- OARC Emergency Coordinator (Glen KG5CEN): They are working on a list of repeater frequencies to be loaded in ones radio for emergency use. The old list is inaccurate and incomplete.
- QRM (Emile KE5QKR): Not present no report. He is still writing them!
- Historian (Gail KC5CQJ): Not present no report.
- Web Page (John AA5UY); John feels it is important to have the hamfest prize list on the site. Dave K5OZ will send John the list from the Icom Package we have decided on. John said, posting the list of forums and the forms for flea market tables would be a good draw.

Old Business: Glen K5CEN asked about having our hamfest fliers ready for upcoming hamfests in Hattisburg and Rayne. Dave K5OZ said it definitely will be ready for Rayne.

Glen also ask about our T-shirts for the hamfest. Dave K5OZ showed the prepared logo and explained the options. Dave will decide on a shirt type and color for the next meeting.

There was a question about the decision on how we would handle arm bands for a two day event. A possible band trade was suggested. No real decisions were made.

New business: Chris W5CLP was recognized for his efforts at painting our club's raffle drum.

First reading on Hugh Coleman AE5VB

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM 14 Present