

SARC Meeting – 12-17-2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Those attending included:

Pat – KG4LNX Wayne – W4WEA Bob – W5RE Joe – KI4FMR
Bob – KI4RWL John – KE4HIE Debra – KF4BOR Tim – KI4JDV

Minutes:

John Read minutes from last meeting. Bob – W5RE made motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Bob – KI4RWL seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Wayne – W4WEA reported no activity with \$472.00. Motion to approve made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amateur Radios at Hospitals Grant:

John and Bob completed installation of the antennas at both Andalusia Regional and Mizell Memorial Hospitals. Radios were tested and the Icom IC-2820 was programmed with the frequency set used for the EOC radio.

There was some discussion about the old hospital radios that used 155.340 as a network frequency. Neither the Opp nor Andalusia Hospitals utilize this frequency at the current time.

Bob and John donated \$200 of what they received to install these antennas and set-up these stations to both the SARC and the OARC in the November meeting.

Severe Weather Spotter (SKYWARN) Class:

The Basic Weather Spotter class held in October was discussed. There are plans to have an Advanced Weather Spotter Class sometime in the spring of 2010.

SARC Repeater:

We STILL need a climber to check the repeater feedline / antenna. Bob – W5RE has the duplexers. Pat sent an email to Steve – KE4VGB asking about doing the climb. No response.

Tim made motion during the September meeting for the club to purchase a full climbing harness to be used by club members. Costs will be limited to \$125. Bob – KI4RWL was asked if he would look at what was available. Bob will look at what is available.

NOARC Repeater:

Jim – N4NID and Cal worked on the duplexers on the 147.36 machine. They are using a 2-antenna system on the repeater.

NEW BUSINESS:

SARC Fall Picnic – The group decided to have a Club picnic on October 3rd at Open Pond Camping Area. Everyone had a good time.

Nominating Committee: December Meeting is the election meeting. Those chosen to this committee were Bob Sullivan – W5RE, Debra Brown – KF4BOR, and John Brown – KE4HIE. Since the October meeting will be the Severe Weather Class, the committee will meet independent of the scheduled meeting and give their list of nominees to the Club at both the October and November meetings. Nominating Committee met and tried to form a December 17, 2009 Elections ballot. It was determined that, with the very limited membership, this is our Officer election nominees for 2010. The vote went as follows:

President – John Brown – KE4HIE

Vice President – Tim Trent – KI4JDV

Secretary - Debra Brown – KF4BOR

Treasurer – Wayne Alday – W4WEA

There was a lengthy discussion about the SARC membership and what needs to happen to keep the South Alabama Radio Club going in the future. Suggestions included:

1. Get the SARC 147.260 repeater back up and working.
2. A program is needed for every meeting.
Needs to be of interest to the membership and visitors.
3. Attend other Club's monthly meetings, functions, and hamfests as a Club.
4. Provide info on modern digital modes such as D-star, psk31, satellite and ISS.

Christmas Party was discussed and suggestion made to either attend the multi-Club Party being held by the NOARC, PARC, and Twin Cities Clubs on Dec. 18th. or The Opp ARC Christmas Party at Tip and MaryAnn's Home on Dec 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

These minutes submitted by John Brown – KE4HIE – SARC Secretary