

Minutes of the South Alabama Radio Club
March 19th , 2009

Call to order:

Pat Henagan KG4LNX called meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting :

Minutes were passed out from the February meeting.

Bob Lawrence KI4RWL made motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Bob Sullivan W5RE seconded.

Treasurer's report :

Treasurer's Report of \$481.00 given by Wayne Alday W4WEA.

Tim Trent KI4JDV made motion to accept treasurer's report as read.

Bob Sullivan W5RE made a second to motion. It was also mentioned that checks need to be written for PO Box Rent (\$40) and Alabama Repeater Council Dues(\$10). Wayne said he would pay P.O. Box Rent and the ARC dues.

Old business:

Pat presented letters of appreciation that he sent to Bill Haynes and the Troy ARC for their donations of antennas and feedline to the SARC. All approved.

Pat also received a letter from the ARC stating that we needed to get a statement signed by Bart Gowan WA8YPX to get the trusteeship of the WC4M repeater changed.

The SARC Club Dues were due at the end of January. Anyone wanting to remain on the 2009 SARC Membership roster will need to pay their dues.

Bob Lawrence KI4RWL said he would try to contact Clay Brown KI4ONH about transferring the hosting of the WC4M website. He would contact Jeff Mills if necessary to get up with Clay Brown KI4ONH about this matter.

John also mentioned that the Club will need to relocate the Club storage shed, the SARC Field Day Supplies, and other Club material which is currently being stored at John Brown KE4HIE's Home, shed, and in the back of his Jeep in the case he moves to a new job.

Pat mentioned scheduling a fox hunt in the near future. We will discuss this at next meeting.

John said he would post a link to the FEMA NIMS page in the SARC list server and club minutes for those interested. Links of interest would be:

<http://www.nimsonline.com/> or <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

Local Repeater reports

Opp repeater: Bob Lawrence-KI4RWL gave report Signal is good and Echo Link up and working.

Crestview repeater :Bob Sullivan W5RE reported that there is a dual band antenna being ordered for the the Crestview dstar repeater. No change on the 147.360 repeater.

Chris John's Repeater- No report

Brewton repeater- No report

Andalusia repeater : Still not working well, Replacement antenna and feedline is now at John's QTH and needs to be moved to the repeater site. The Club will purchase new connectors and a grounding kit for the new Andrews feedline from Joe Rose. We still need tower climber(s) to do the testing and repairs after we have all materials needed.

Committee Reports:

None

Program Committee

John KE4HIE will again call the NWS Mobile about a Severe Weather Spotters Class for Covington County.

Field Day 2009.

The 2009 SARC Field Day was discussed. The ARRL 2009 Field Day will be on June 27th and 28th this year. The group decided that the SARC Field Day will be at Frank Jackson State Park in Opp, AL. again this year. John Brown said he would ask Allen Scofield KG4CNA if he would make a Field Day PSA for this year. Anyone wanting to campout for the event will need to contact the Park to make their reservations early to assure a campsite. Some will be setting up on Thursday, June 25th and staying till that Sunday, June 28th. Let the Park know that you are with the SARC Field Day Group when making your reservations. The phone number for Frank Jackson State Park is (334) 493-6988. We discussed a menu for Friday and Saturday evenings, reserving the pavilion for both nights, and the number planning to participate. Pat will contact the Andalusia Mayor about an Amateur Radio Week proclamation for June 22nd to 28th. John will contact Malcolm Reed and others about their plans for FD?

Pat asked that John supply the lists of equipment and menu items from last years FD to work from. John agreed to find and make these lists and present them at the March meeting.

New Business

The Estate Sale for Bob Ducket – W4DXR was discussed by those who attended.

Events of interest

Ft. Walton Beach hamfest and the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo mentioned.
Alabama QSO Party will be June 6, 2009. Contact KC4HW for info or go to:
Alabamaqsoparty.org

Any unique or long distance contacts made by group?

Bob Sullivan W5RE discussed that the ISS is in Crossband repeat mode.
Uplink at 437.800 (67hz) and downlink is 145.800.

Club Members needs:(antennas built, towers erected, etc)

John Brown still needs Rotor replaced.
Bob Lawrence and Tip Moses currently working on a multi-band dipole.

Adjournment:

Bob Lawrence made the motion to adjourn with Wayne Alday seconding that motion. The March meeting of the South Alabama Radio Club was adjourned at 8:00pm.

These minutes submitted by John Brown – KE4HIE