

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes –April 4th, 2017

This was a combined meeting night with the Sauk County ARES/RACES group.

The Yellow Thunder ARC meeting was called to order by President, Tom Harrison at 8:14 pm.

The March 2017 meeting minutes were presented to the group. Drew(KC9LJK) motioned to accept the minutes as printed, John(N9GGZ) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don(K9JYX) reports that we had a balance of \$xx61.57 as of the March, 2017 meeting. Don paid \$43.02 to Dave Parker(WB9WHG) in reimbursement for components purchased to build a line filter for use during Field Day and other HF operations. This leaves us with a balance of \$xx18.55. Drew(KC9LJK) motioned to accept the report as presented. John(N9GGZ) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote. Don makes mention that we will have an insurance payment coming due soon.

Business:

We've been making some changes and updates on the yellowthunder.org website lately. More to come. We've made the old site inaccessible to prevent any traffic from inadvertently being routed to the old site/content.

A club-approved membership certificate will be sent to current members as time allows.

Tom received an email from a member of the Pine Valley ARC looking to see if anyone would be available to put on a presentation on SWR at one of their meetings.

Tom received an email from Raymond Matlosz(N9MLZ) who reports he is currently at the Columbia Healthcare facility in Wyocena and says "hello".

Ken Ebnetter(K9EN) has moved from his house in Portage and is now at Tivoli in Portage. He has some ham gear to be sold. Some will be brought to the MARA hamfest in Stoughton on April 8th. He's also believed to have a 50' or 55' tower with Hazer and a tri-band beam for sale.

Some discussion on Field Day 2017 continued. Dave(WB9WHG) did some testing on generator noise suppression filters and has ordered a line filter and enclosure to use with the generator at Field Day to mitigate a lot of the noise issues we have been experiencing during Field Day operations. Assembly and testing are underway. The club has reimbursed Dave for the items purchased for the project. We also discussed some antennas to be used at the site, including Joe's(WB9SBD) 43' vertical from last year, as well as the "super loop" from 2 years ago.

Tom(N9PQJ) states that he has confirmed that Pointon Communications will, again, be generously donating two Icom radios for the Circus City Swapfest, coming up on August 26th. The radios will be an IC-V80 and an IC-2300H. Tom also mentions that we will, again, have a VE testing session at 10 am that morning.

Close: Don(K9JYX) makes a motion to close the meeting at 8:55pm. Jerry(KC9POL) seconds the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will be Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017.

In attendance:

Steve Hayes(KB9LMZ)
Don Evenson(K9JYX)
Tom Harrison(N9PQJ)
Jerry Schur(KC9POL)
John Nagler(N9GGZ)
Joe Mayenschein(WB9SBD)
Drew Smith(KC9LJK)
Ryan Ott(no call)
Jeff Alsip(no call)
Kyle Sonsalla(KD9IBP)
Dennis Lemoine(KD9IBQ)
Jim Sharp(N5XNR)
Matt Noll(KC9UPE)

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Noll (KC9UPE)
Secretary, Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club