

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes –March 7th, 2017

The Yellow Thunder ARC meeting was called to order by President, Tom Harrison at 7:20 pm. The meeting was held in the EMBS Meeting Room of the Sauk County Courthouse due to an access problem at the Baraboo City Services Building.

The February 2017 meeting minutes were presented to the group. Treasurer, Don(K9JYX), mentions to make correction to ending balance, which should read \$xxxx.57. Drew(KC9LJK) motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, Jerry(KC9POL) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don(K9JYX) reports that we had a balance of \$xxxx.57 as of the February, 2017 meeting. Don paid annual dues to WAR of \$15 since the February meeting. Don also took in and deposited \$100 in membership dues. This leaves us with a balance of \$xxxx.57. Drew(KC9LJK) motioned to accept the report as presented. Jerry(KC9POL) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Business:

Some YTARC board and other members got together on March 4th and worked on the club website content and a few other things. We had an issue with the web hosting company needing to repair/update some aspects of the server before we could make the updates we needed to make. Since March 4th, Aaron(KC0WKP) was able to file a request with the host and the issues have been resolved. More work and updates will take place as time allows.

There has been some discussion lately of creating a membership certificate which can be issued to new and renewing members that would confirm their membership with the club. Tom brought a sample of a certificate that Matt(KC9UPE) put together for review by those in attendance. After discussion by the group in attendance, Matt will send copies of this certificate to members as time allows.

Some discussion on Field Day 2017 was started. As we noticed last year, the generator that Brad Pointon has generously allowed us to use for several years now had some issues with starting and running smoothly. We will contact Brad and offer to have the generator serviced and tuned up and the club will pick up the tab. Dave(WB9WHG) did some testing on generator noise suppression filters and will be ordering 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. The club will reimburse Dave for any items purchased for the project. Drew(KC9LJK) mentions that he'd be interested in seeing some solar-electric gear at the Field Day site if anyone has any.

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.

Dave(KB9CSW) mentions that he has been contacted by Ken Ebnetter(K9EN), who has asked for some help in clearing out some ham gear and other related items from his house as he moves out since it has been sold. A storage facility was discussed for possibly storing some of this gear to be sold at the Circus City Swapfest later this year. It was decided that we need more info on the items before making a decision on storage, etc.

Aaron(KC0WKP) mentions that he has been working with fellow ham, Mark Blood(KE0CRR), on a mesh high-speed data network project (AREDN). Aaron has plans to possibly use this technology to link the hospitals, county, and city buildings in Baraboo and surrounding areas. He has been asked by Baraboo Emergency Management Director, Kevin Stieve, to give a presentation on the project to the Public Service Commission for their input and review. More info to come on this project.

Close: Don(K9JYX) makes a motion to close the meeting at 8:10pm. Dave(KB9CSW) seconds the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Following the close of the business meeting, Dave Parker(WB9WHG) gave a very good presentation and demonstration on his Flex SDR HF radio. Thanks Dave!

The next meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will be Tuesday, April 4th, 2017.

In attendance:

Dave Spearing(KB9CSW)
Dave Parker(WB9WHG)
Don Evenson(K9JYX)
Tom Harrison(N9PQJ)
Jerry Schur(KC9POL)
Drew Smith(KC9LJK)
John Nagler(N9GGZ)
Deborah Klemm(no call)
Joe Mayenschein(WB9SBD)
Duane Grotophorst(N9DG)
Tom Luck(WB9BPS)
Matt Noll(KC9UPE)

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