

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes –September 5th, 2023

The Yellow Thunder ARC meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by President Tom Harrison(N9PQJ).

Secretary's Report: The meeting minutes from the August, 2023 meeting were presented to the group. Patrick(W9PCK) motions to accept the report as presented. Daniel(WX9E) seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Patrick(W9PCK) reported he deposited \$160. \$320 was withdrawn for cash for the swapfest. \$1325 was deposited after the swapfest. The account balance is now \$xxxx.xx. Ray(KD9LNZ) moved to accept the report, seconded by Ben(KD9LVQ).

Business:

Report from swapfest included slightly better attendance. Tom(N9PQJ) made efforts to contact other clubs before the fest and we saw some people in attendance from some more distant areas than normal, likely due to the bigger grand prize being offered this year which was generously donated by Brad Pointon of Pointon Communications. 147 tickets, 17 tables, and 6 tailgate spots were sold. Thank you, Duane, for the donation of coffee and John for the coordination of the procurement of 8 dozen donuts. We owe \$96 to John(KD9NKO) in reimbursement for the purchase of donuts. We made roughly \$40 in profit from sales of food concessions. The VE test session was a success and three people passed their Technician-class exams and were offered free club memberships through 2024. We made roughly \$1000 on the swapfest after expenses were factored in and feedback received was generally positive. Matt(KC9UPE) mentions that we should consider opening for vendor setup at 7am next year as there was more than enough time for everyone to get set up and ready long before 8am. After discussion, Ben(KD9LVQ) motions for the Treasurer to write Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club of \$250 for facility rental for the swapfest this year. Pete(AF9FA) seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

There was a short discussion on a possible issue with the UPS system and battery bank on the 147.315 repeater noted when it may not have kept the repeater running during a power outage earlier this summer during a storm. Drew(KC9LJK) was contacted and was going to unplug the system from commercial power and see if the UPS came on and kept things running and will report back to us with information.

There was discussion on the club website and hosting accommodations. There's an upcoming invoice of \$374.27 on October 3rd. The club debit card was added to the hosting site as the primary payment method. We are still looking at moving to QTH.com as our web host and Tom(N9PQJ) will contact them and discuss the moving of our site and report back with findings.

Club Officer nominations are now open until the time of election at the October meeting.

Ben(KD9LVQ) nominated Daniel(WX9E) for Vice President and Daniel accepted. Ray(KD9LNZ) nominates Patrick(W9PCK) for Treasurer and he accepts. Daniel(WX9E) nominates Tom(N9PQJ) for President and he accepts, and Matt(KC9UPE) nominates Ray(KD9LNZ) for Secretary and Ray accepts.

Close: Patrick(W9PCK) motions to close the meeting at 8:32 pm. Daniel(WX9E) seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 pm.

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

In attendance:

Tom Harrison(N9PQJ)
Matt Noll(KC9UPE)
Matthew Toussaint(KD9DZT)
Ben Haack(KD9LVQ)
Dave Spearing(KB9CSW)
Patrick Kirchenwitz(W9PCK)
Ray Sommerfeldt(KD9LNZ)
Daniel Brown(WX9E)
Pete Klotzbach(AF9FA)
Dave Rasmussen(KD9NIL)
Bob Dischler(KB9UOJ)
Marcus Allen - *
John Husker(KD9NKO)*
Bob Satterfield(K9GJ)*

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