

MSU ARC Meeting – January 3, 2017

President, Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

In Attendance:

W8IBT, Debbie Barton	WB8SKP, Denis Barton
KM4ZTV, Katana Darnell	KM4ZUA, Carla Palmer
KM4ZTW, Sam Ford	KK4BKD, Josh Kerr
KK4PDL, Mike Lyons	KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper
KG4SXQ, Al Grant	KD4WCE, Terry Ward
KG4OCJ, Valerie Barrett	WB7D, Dale Barrett
KF4GCD, Robin Jones	Bonnie Allen, Guest
KY4SR, Sue Reimer	KOZL, Dan Reimer
KM4JZX, Richard E. Palmer	KA4WWS, Tim Edmonson
KK4BXG, Kevin Bailey	KM4YCU, Jeff Robinson
Melissa Clapp, Guest	KK4AAF, David Henley,
WB4ZZT, John Piper	KJ4HBK, Chuck Williams
KM4ZUK, Steve Sacco	KM4ZTY, George James
KD6UNL, Larry Call	KM4ZTU, Barbara Call
KJ4W, Bill Call	WA4IJU, Brenda Call
KM4ZTS, Lisa Armstrong	KM4ZUJ, Brent Armstrong
KM4ZTT, Joanna Bailey	AD6QJ, Larry Morris
KM4ZTZ, Chad Meadows	

Question of the Day was “What did Santa bring you this year? Anything new for the shack???”

Welcome to all the new hams.

Secretary's Report – Motion to accept minutes as submitted by Acting Secretary, Debbie Barton, W8IBT and emailed by Bill Call, KJ4W, on 11/1/2016 was made by Chuck Williams, KJ4HBK and seconded by Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, reported writing a check, \$112.00, to W5YI-VEC for Exams; and making two deposits \$60.00 and \$152.00. Our current balance is \$2,405.69. Al Grant, KG4SXQ made a motion to accept report, Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS seconded and motion carried. 2017 dues may be timely paid any time from now to April. Individual dues remain at \$15; \$5 for additional family.

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported Hamlin repeater antenna was bent over and in straightening it the upper element broke off. Antenna needs to be replaced when weather is suitable. 2 element Diamond fiberglass Antenna is suggested.

QSL Manager Report, None

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported one test session after the final licensing class session. 15 people took the test and 13 new licenses were issued. One test session is scheduled for this evening after the meeting.

Net Manager, Chuck Williams, KJ4HBK, in attendance tonight, reported as follows: 4 sessions, 69 stations, 0 traffic, 131 minutes, 150.65 operator hours.

Staff Advisor Report, John P. Hart, KO4ZE, not in attendance, but the following was reported by Bill Call, KJ4W. The university asked us to move the 440 cabinet, so work can be done on the elevators at Faculty Hall. John & Bill accompanied 2 elevator repairmen earlier today and have temporarily moved the cabinet.

Ham Bits: Audio was not working in the classroom. Josh will send me the link to send out for those wishing to view at home. Will also try to run it next month, hopefully we will have audio by then.

Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, explained programming the Chinese handheld BAOFENG radios and distributed detailed directions. He and Josh have the programming software with them tonight to assist anyone who needs help programming frequencies into their new radio(s). Josh also had handouts of area repeater frequencies.

Old Business: Jonathan Creek repeater follow-up. Bill Call, KJ4W, has been in contact with the owners and is waiting for a response to questions we posed at an earlier meeting.

New Business: Field Day 2017, June 24th. Committee members are Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS Chair, Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, Dale Barrett, WB7D, David Henley, KK4AAF, Al Grant, KG4SXQ, George James, KM4ZTY, Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Denis Barton, WB8SKP and Josh Kerr, KK4BKD.

Chuck Williams, KJ4HBK, made a motion to allow Bill Call, KJ4W, to spend up to \$225.00 for a new antenna for the Hamlin repeater, Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, seconded and motion passed.

Dayton Hamvention was discussed. The club is looking to get a van or two from Enterprise and do a group trip to Dayton. We would be staying at the Dayton University and the rooms are \$130 per night, sleep 4 and need to be paid for when reservations are made. Please plan to let Debbie Barton, W8IBT, know at the February meeting if you are planning to attend. We will leave early Friday morning for Dayton and return on Sunday, so two nights would run \$65.00 per person and needs to be paid at the February meeting, so Debbie can make the reservations.

At this time, we had a brief break for refreshments.

Skywarn Storm Spotter Training: Entry level/refresher training session will be held in the Freed Curd Auditorium on Tuesday, January 31st at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend. Bill will send registration details.

Program: Proper antenna grounding was presented by Bill Call, KJ4W. Suggested reading on how to properly ground antennas would be the February 2015 issue of QST and the November and December 2016 issues of QST. Bill will send a copy of his program (5MB .pdf attachment) to any who request it.

New Member Application: Several people were interested in joining, but we did not have any applications on hand. Debbie Barton, W8IBT will bring applications to the February meeting for anyone wishing to join. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Temporary Acting Secretary