

MSU ARC Meeting – March 7, 2017

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

In Attendance:

W8IBT, Debbie Barton

WB8SKP, Denis Barton

KK4BKD, Josh Kerr

KK4LLO, Betty Enoch

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

K0ZL, Dan Reimer

KM4NUY, Jerry Johnson

KA4WWS, Tim Edmonson

KD4WCE, Terry Ward

KK4AAF, David Henley

KD6UNL, Larry Call

KJ4W, Bill Call

KJ4SYV, Charlton Young

KJ4TKL, James Flood

KM4ZTS, Lisa Armstrong

KM4ZUJ, Brent Armstrong

KM4ZTT, Joanna Bailey

KK4BXG, Kevin Bailey

KM4ZTY, George James

AD6QJ, Larry Morris

K9OIM, Bob Atkinson

Helen Atkinson, Guest

WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich

KJ4OZU, Candy Aldrich

WA6LDV, Stephen Gordon

Emma Lee Gordon, Guest

W1KYL, Steve Sacco

Julie Sacco, Guest

KY4EQN, Shea Porr

Question of the Day was “What are some programs/activities you would like to see the club do this year?”

Secretary's Report – Motion to accept minutes as submitted by Acting Secretary, Debbie Barton, W8IBT and emailed on 2/7/2017 was made by Bill Call, KJ4W and seconded by Charlton Young, KJ4SYV, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, reported checks for 205.50 for 94 antenna and \$10.00 exam, deposit of \$434.00 mostly dues for a balance of \$2551.19 Larry Morris, AD6QJ made a motion to accept report, James Flood, WJ4TKL seconded and motion carried.

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported installing the 94 repeater antenna and new hardline. We still have external noise at the site causing periodic receiver problems. Not much more we can do about it. Nothing new to report on the other repeaters.

Staff Advisor Report, None

QSL Manager Report, Josh Kerr, KK4BKD reported uploading all the EQSL contacts to Log Book of the World and immediately got an additional 588 QSL's confirmed.

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported 1 session at conclusion of last month's meeting and Todd Price successfully upgraded to a General Class license.

Net Manager, Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, reporting for Chuck Williams, KJ4HBK, February- 4 sessions- 53 stations- 0 traffic- 109 minutes, 96.28 operator hours. We also had 1 Skywarn Net with 24 stations-103 minutes-41.2 operator hours.

Ham Bits: Josh Kerr, KK4BKD gave a presentation on Log Book of the World.

Upcoming Hamfests: Ides of March Hamfest, Union City, TN on 3/25/17; Elizabethtown, KY on 4/1/17; Memphis, TN on 4/8/17; Dayton, OH on 5/19-5/21. No one contacted Debbie for reservations at Dayton and rooms are no longer available.

Old Business: Field Day 2017, June 24th - 25th, The MSU Arboretum has been confirmed and we will have our festivities there again this year.

New Business : Field Day 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. Tim will contact committee members later this month to have a Field Day planning meeting on April 3rd , 5:00 pm at Captain D's anyone else interested in helping out is welcome.

Antenna raising for Robin Jones, who lost his towers and antenna's in the high winds on last Monday. This is no cost to the club, just manpower needed. Tim Edmonson is in charge of the antenna raising and a date of April 22nd has been set.

Fox Hunts and Antenna/Attenuator workshops: April 1st in the afternoon, Attenuator workshop, we had about 5-6 people interested in building attenuators for an upcoming Fox Hunt and Bill Call, KJ4W will contact people with a meeting time. Workshop to be held in the 1st floor Woodshop Lab of the same building as our meeting. Entrance by the loading dock is the closest to the lab. Next month's meeting will discuss dates for the Fox Hunt.

Election of Officers next month. Please plan to attend and participate in the elections. We need nominees for most offices. New blood is welcome and encouraged.

New Member Application: We had 2 new member applications. Steven Sacco, W1KYL, Bill Call, KJ4W motioned to accept the application, Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, seconded, motion passed. Julie Sacco, XYL of W1KYL and currently studying for her license, Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS motioned to accept her application, Charlton Young, KJ4SYV seconded, motion passed.

Program: Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, gave a presentation on ARECIBO, the Radio Astronomy Lab in Puerto Rico by HamNation. HamNation is on twit.tv on Wednesday nights about 8:00 pm and replays on YouTube the next day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Temporary Acting Secretary