

MSU ARC Meeting – May 2 2017

President, Mike Lyons, KK4PDL called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

In Attendance:

W8IBT, Debbie Barton

KK4BKD, Josh Kerr

KK4PDL, Mike Lyons

KF4GCD, Robin Jones

KY4SR, Sue Reimer

KA4WWS, Tim Edmonson

KD6UNL, Larry Call

KJ4TKL, James Flood

WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich

W1KYL, Steve Sacco

KM4JZX, Richard Palmer

KM4YCU, Jeff Robinson

KG4OCI, Jonathan Barrett

KJ4SYV, Charlton Young

KM4ZUJ, Brent Armstrong

WA6LDV, Steve Gordon

WB8SKP, Denis Barton

WB7D, Dale Barrett

KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper

Bonnie Allen, Guest

KOZL, Dan Reimer

KK4AAF, David Henley,

KJ4W, Bill Call

KM4ZTY, George James

KJ4OZU, Candy Aldrich

Julie Sacco, Guest

KG4SXQ, Al Grant

KM4NUY, Jerry Johnson

WB4ZZT, John Piper

W9RA, Don Moriarty

KM4ZTS, Lisa Armstrong

EmmaLee Gordon, Guest

Question of the Day was “What state or country would you like to contact on Field Day?”

**Secretary’s Report** – Motion to accept the revised minutes as submitted by Debbie Barton, W8IBT and emailed on 4/8/2017 was made by Bill Call, KJ4W and seconded by multiple people, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Bill Call, KJ4W, reported writing a check for \$36.00 for website fee and a current balance is \$2670.19. Bill Call, KJ4W, is taking orders for Field Day T-Shirts or other ARRL Field Day Items. Here is the link to see what is available to order <http://www.arrl.org/shop/Field-Day-Supplies/>

**Systems Report**, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported the 94 repeater still not as sensitive as it used to be. He will check for the noise source after May 12<sup>th</sup>. The 440 repeater is okay. The Hamlin repeater is marginal and hopes to spend some time down there soon.

**Staff Advisor Report**, Are we using the Mesh Network? If not, antennas and equipment need to be returned to Murray State. If so, we need to expand the network. A show of hands determined that, yes, the club is still interested in the Mesh Network and expansion needs to be done.

**QSL Manager Report**, Sue Reimer, KY4SR reported no QSL’s received.

**VE Report**, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported no exams have been conducted or scheduled for this month.

**Net Manager**, No report

**Ham Bits**: Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, gave a demo of the Kenwood TS-590 which is being used for Field Day on SB and CW. If you are interested in seeing a chart comparing this radio with a multitude of other radios in all price ranges go to K4KQY.com

**Upcoming Hamfests:** Dayton, OH on 5/19-5/21

**Old Business:** Don't forget to contact Bill Call, KJ4W to order T-shirts or other Field Day items.

Four Boy Scout troops are interested in joining us for Field Day, Steve Sacco, W1KYL is meeting with the troops and scout masters.

Rich Palmer, KM4JZX, is using his press media experience and contacts to get the word out about Field Day. Also, the sheriff is planning to attend as our elected official.

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, is compiling a list of everyone coming to Field Day and what food they are bringing for the 5:00 pm Saturday Potluck. Rich Palmer will bring his grill and the club will provide burgers, hot dogs and bratwurst along with buns and condiments. Contact Debbie with what you are planning to bring.

Bill Call, KJ4W, gave a report on the progress with antenna and tower project for Robin Jones, KF4GCD.

**New Business :** Larry Call, KD6UNL, will be conducting a CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training Session on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Please contact him to be placed on the list for this training.

Rich Palmer, suggested doing a fundraiser to raise money for purchasing new radios, such as the Icom 7300. Bill Call, KJ4W, will contact our Faculty Advisor, John Hart, KO4ZE, about this possibility and university regulations. Rich would take care of the paperwork associated with a fundraiser.

Al Grant, KG4SXQ, will be moving to Paducah and has requested someone to take down his antenna for him.

**Program:** Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, did a presentation and demo of the Icom 7300, the 1<sup>st</sup> 100% SDR from one of the major radio companies. All processing is done within the radio, no need to connect to a computer, and covers 160 thru 6 meters, HF only and MARS capable.

**New Member Application:** Michael Metcalf, KJ4ITH and Pat Metcalf, KJ4QEC, applied for associate membership. Bill Call, KJ4W, motioned to accept their membership, Dale Barnett, WB7D, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Welcome back.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Secretary