

MSU ARC Meeting – September 5, 2017

President, Mike Lyons, KK4PDL called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

In Attendance:

W8IBT, Debbie Barton	WB8SKP, Denis Barton
KK4BKD, Josh Kerr	KK4AAF, David Henley
KJ4SYV, Charlton Young	Camilla Young, Guest
WB7D, Dale Barrett	KG4OCJ, Valerie Barrett
KB4OCU, Jonathan Barrett	KM4ZTY, George James
KK4PDL, Mike Lyons	KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper
KF4GCD, Robin Jones	Bonnie Allen, Guest
KY4SR, Sue Reimer	KOZL, Dan Reimer
KJ4ZTC, Jimmy Sholar	Sonja Sholar, Guest
KD6UNL, Larry Call	KJ4W, Bill Call
KJ4TKL, James Flood	KM4NUY, Jerry Johnson
WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich	KK4LLO, Betty Enoch
K9OIM, Bob Atkinson	Helen Atkinson, Guest
N4YOZ, (expired) Rob Jones	Nicholas Friederich, Guest
K4ADW, Richmond Beam	KK4BXG, Kevin Bailey
KN4EZD, Casey Lyon	WA6LDV, Steve Gordon

Question of the Day was “Do you want to participate in a Fox Hunt in October?” Most of the attendees were interested in participating.

Secretary’s Report – Motion to accept the minutes as submitted by Debbie Barton, W8IBT and emailed on 8/1/2017 was made by David Henley, KK4AAF and I missed who seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, reported writing checks as follows, \$7.00 VE fees, \$24.00 PO Box rental, \$100.00 MSU Arboretum dues, \$205.50 antenna for Hamlin repeater installed, which leaves a balance of \$1,530.40. George James, KM4ZTY motioned to accept the report, Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA seconded and the motion carried.

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported changing the side antenna on the Hamlin repeater and also taking down the Cushcraft Ringo Ranger antenna on the top of the tower at Hamlin, as it was in terrible shape. He replaced it with our spare Ringo Ranger and works well for now. Within about 1 year, it will either need replacing or repair as it does not fare well with the winds at 180’ above the hill. To replace the Ringo Ranger with a commercial grade antenna would cost about \$1,200.00.

94 still has a high noise floor, Verizon has also noted problems with the noise levels on their systems on the Fine Arts building.

Staff Advisor Report, No report.

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

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported a testing session is scheduled for tonight.

Net Manager Report, as submitted to Mike Lyons (August) and Debbie Barton (July) by Chuck Williams, K4CHW.

July 2017 – 5 sessions, 64 stations, 149 minutes, 158.93 operator hours

August 2017 – 4 sessions, 53 stations, 130 minutes, 114.3 operator hours

Ham Bits: None

Upcoming Hamfests: Louisville Hamfest – September 9th, 8am – 2pm, \$8.00 admission, Sheppardsville

New Business: None

Old Business: An October Fox Hunt was planned for October 21st at 2:00 pm leaving from the IT building parking lot, with a potluck to follow. Everyone bring a dish to pass.

Program: “Practical Antenna Design” was presented by Jimmy Sholar, WJ4ZTC. If you want more information or have any questions, please contact him at WJ4ZTC@gmail.com

Program presenters are needed, please contact Tim Edmonson, if you are interested in presenting.

CERT classes will start September 21st at 6:00pm and run for 8 weeks. Classes will be at the County Fire Department (Extended Sycamore Street location). Please contact Bill Call, KJ4W, if you are interested in attending these classes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Secretary