

MSU ARC Meeting – February 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, at 7:00 pm

In Attendance:

W8IBT, Debbie Barton	WB8SKP, Denis Barton
WB7D, Dale Barrett	KG4OCJ, Valerie Barrett
KN4IRO, Don Edwards	KN4IRN, Steven Dabbs
KN4IRT, Tracy McKinney	KK4LLO, Betty Enoch
KJ4SYV, Charlton Young	KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper
Adam Bolen, Guest	Julie Wells-Bolen, Guest
KY4SR, Sue Reimer	N4ZY, Dan Reimer
KO4ZE, John Hart	KJ4W, Bill Call
KY4EQN, Shea Porr	N3NRJ, Smitty (James) Smith
WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich	KJ4OZU, Candy Aldrich
KM4NUY, Jerry Johnson	KA4BLZ, Doyan Jennings
KE6CZT, Julie Morris	AD6QJ, Larry Morris
K4JVJ, Julie Sacco	W1KYL, Steve Sacco
KK4PDL, Mike Lyons	KN4JZX, Richard Palmer
K4ETX, Mike Metcalf	KK4BKD, Josh Kerr
KN4HHY, Eric Rich	KN4IRW, Darcy Rich
Logan Rich, Guest	Laken Rich, Guest
Todd Hackathorn, Guest	KY4DW, David Willens
KM4ZTS, Lisa Armstrong	KM4ZUJ, Brent Armstrong
KK4BXG, Kevin Bailey	KM4ZTT, Joanna Bailey
Sylvia James, Guest	KM4JZX, Richard Palmer

Question of the Day was “What is the next piece of ham equipment that you would like to acquire?”

Secretary’s Report – Motion to accept Candace Aldrich, temporary secretary’s minutes, as revised, corrected and emailed on 2/4/18 by Bill Call, KJ4W, was made by Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, seconded by Steve Sacco, W1KYL and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, reported writing two checks, one for \$14.00 W5YI, and another for \$35.00 to Josh Kerr, KK4BKD for the website dues, making two deposits \$355.00 and \$39.00 for a balance of \$1,883.49. Motion to accept by Charlton Young, KJ4SYV and seconded by Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA. Motion carried.

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported 94 is still noisy at times and has 2 things yet to try. Echolink is now on the air on the 440 machine and is currently working on being able to use Echolink on 94. Considering a WINLINK node for Murray and checking into the requirements and feasibility.

Faculty Advisor Report, John Hart, KO4ZE, was present and reported on his upcoming retirement, May 31, 2018. Will keep us updated on the Faculty Advisor position and what is happening with that position.

QSL Manager Report, Sue Reimer, KY4SR, reported two QSL’s received.

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported one testing session schedule for after tonight’s meeting. One test session last month which resulted in one license upgrade.

Net Manager Report, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, 5 sessions, 88 stations, 186 minutes and 266.6 operator hours.

Old Business: None

New Business: Polar Plunge needs radio operators for communications purposes. Chuck Williams, K4CHW, is requesting 6-8 people for February 17th, 7:30 am to about 1:00 pm at Kentucky Dam Village Convention Center. If you are interested in participating please contact Chuck Williams, K4CHW, at cwilliams42071@gmail.com

Bill Call, KJ4W, made a motion to grant Doyan Jennings free membership in the MSUARC, in perpetuity for the loan/gift of a set of commercial duplexers for the 94 repeater. Josh Kerr, KK4BKD seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CQ Magazines Annual Worldwide RTTY Contest is this weekend, Friday, February 9th from 6:00 pm CST to Sunday, February 11th at 6:00 pm CST. Denis Barton, WB8SKP and Debbie Barton, W8IBT will be operating this contest and anyone who wishes to come out and join us is welcome. Our address is 1314 Lancaster Road, Murray and our phone number is 270-474-9882. We always have a great time and there is usually a pot of chili on and other snacks. Come have some fun with us and enjoy this type of digital contesting.

Dan Reimer, N4ZY asked Jerry Johnson, KM4NUY to show everyone the 2 meter antenna that he had made. It was at a very reasonable cost and easy to build.

Bill Call, KJ4W, brought up the possibility of having a CERT class during the Spring if there is enough interest. Please contact him if you are interested in taking this class. Also, the General Class License sessions are going well.

Tuesday, February 20th, at 6:30 pm in the Freed Curd Auditorium will be a Weather Spotter Training Certification course. Pre-registration is required and register early as space is limited.

Bill Call, KJ4W, gave a short Ham Bits presentation. Most handheld radios have a battery saver feature. He gave a demonstration which showed why you should key the microphone for a second or so before transmitting. If you call someone and their handheld is sleeping, it takes a couple of seconds for the radio to wake up and they only hear part of the transmission. So wait a moment after keying up to transmit or give the call of the person you are calling twice before giving your call. Example: KJ4W, KJ4W this is W8IBT. That will give the receiving radio a chance to wake up so the person you are calling hears your call and knows they are who is being called.

Program: Meet & Greet for the newly licensed hams. We had lots of food and drinks and had a great time visiting with everyone.

Meeting adjourned after the Program/Social Hour.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Secretary