

MSU ARC Meeting - June 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, at 6:57 pm.

40 people in attendance:

KK4PDL, Mike Lyons	KC4TIE, Mary Husfield
KJ4SYV, Charlton Young	K9MMW, Bill Husfield
KG4OCI, Jonathan Barrett	W1KYL, Steven Sacco
WD4HVA, Randall Winchester	K4JVJ, Julie Sacco
K4ADW, Rich Beam	KG4OCJ, Valerie Barrett
KF4GCD, Robin Jones	WB7D, Dale Barrett
Bonnie Allen, Guest	KN4IRP, Elysa Elkins
AD6QJ, Larry Morris	KN4LZC, Carmack Johnson
W4ELR, Eric Rich	KD6UNL, Larry Call
K4DLR, Darcy Rich	KN4JMM, Todd Hackathorn
Laken Rich, Guest	Jana Hackathorn, Guest
N4ZY, Dan Reimer	KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper
KY4SR, Sue Reimer	KN4IRN, Steven Dabbs
KN4IRT, Tracy McKinney	WA6LDV, Steven Gordon
KI4SII, Powell Henderson	K4MKY, Don Edwards
KM4ZTY, George James	WA4IJU, Brenda Call
KN4IRM, Kenneth Cohoon	KJ4W, Bill Call
KN4KYU, Mitchell Moss	KM4JZX, Richard Palmer
KN4IRQ, Scott Holt	WD4IEC, Carolyn Winchester
Logan Pawlik, Guest	KJ4TKL, James Flood

Question of the Day was "Are you going to participate in field day?"

**Secretary's Report** - Motion was made to except May's minutes by Bill Call, KJ4W, seconded by Larry Call, KD6UNL, and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that after 3 exams he deposited \$14 and paid \$21 for exams fees. He also has a check for \$100, that was won at the Princeton Hamfest. MSUARC has an ending balance of \$2,354.09.

**System Report** - Bill Call, KJ4W, report that the repeaters are working well. We did have one issue with the Echolink computer. Eric Rich, W4ELR, took the computer to his office and diagnosed the issue as a bad power supply. He installed a spare power supply that he had laying around in the system. It has been stable and working since the replacement.

**Advisor Report** - Eric Rich, W4ELR, and Jonathon Barrett, KG4OCI, had no report to give.

**QSL Manager Report** - Sue Reimer, KY4SR, reported no new QSL cards received or sent.

**VE Report** - Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that 3 people tested after May meeting. There is a test session after tonight's meeting.

**Net Manager Report** : Bill Call, KJ4W, relayed a message from Chuck Williams, K4CHW, in May we had 4 sessions with 98 stations reporting in for a total of 207 minutes and 338.1 operator hours.

**New Business:** Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, reported on the Field Day Committee Meeting from earlier this evening, Field Day will be held at the MSU Arboretum, June 23-24. We have had our last Field Day Committee meeting. We can not have a FT8 system as it is too automated for the Field Day. Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, is going to let us use his FT-450 for the GOTA station. Setup will start at 8:00 am Saturday, June 23. Tear down will start at 1:00 pm Sunday, June 24.

Please remember to sign up to bring a dish for our Field Day meal at 5:00 pm Saturday. If you have not signed up to bring a dish contact Debbie Barton, W8IBT.

New Applicant for Club membership tonight was Carmack Johnson, KN4LZC. Motion to accept new applicants was made by Bill Call, KJ4W, seconded by Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, and motion carried.

Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, proposed the idea to use the \$100 from the Princeton Hamfest to purchase new Technician books for the 4 libraries. Motion was made by Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, seconded by Rich Beam, K4ADW, and motion carried.

Bill Call, KJ4W, will be testing the Tornado sirens on Friday, June 8, at 9:00 am. He asked for volunteers to monitor the sirens during the test.

Bill Call, KJ4W, is taking orders for Field Day tee-shirts and caps. All order must be in by Friday, June 8th. He was sending a link to the shirts and caps through the Stations email list. If you do not receive the email you can go to <http://www.arri.org/shop/Field-Day-2018-Supplies/>.

**Ham Bits** - Bill Call, KJ4W, talked about a few 2 meter radios he has to help the new HAMs and those that are financially challenged at this time. These are old 25 watt 2 meter only radios that was given to Bill from the fire department when they upgraded to new radios. He and Dan Reimer, N4ZY, also have purchased a few power supplies to go with these systems.

Bill and Dan have already installed one of the radios for Elysa Elkins, KN4IRP. She lived far enough away from the repeater that she was unable to get in to the Monday night nets with just her handie-talkie. She has a flat metal roof which provided an ideal spot to mount a magnetic antenna.. Since then she has been able to reach the repeater to join the 2 meter net without problems.

**Program:** "Contesting 101" by Dan Reimer, K4ZY. A slideshow and lecture explaining the basics of contesting was presented. He talked about proper contesting protocols, software, skills, rules and why as humans we like to contest. The program he talked about, N1MM+, is a free contest logging software for Phone, CW and Digital modes. You can read about and download the software at <https://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php>.

The meeting was adjourned by Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, President, at 8:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Rich, W4ELR, Apprentice Secretary