

MSUARC Meeting – March 5, 2019

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

Attendance: 44 people that signed in and there are probably some that forgot and so are not on the list.

W8IBT, Debbie Barton	WB8SKP, Denis Barton
K4MKY, Don Edwards	KK4PDL, Mike Lyons
W1KYL, Steve Sacco	K4JVJ, Julie Sacco
W4IRT, Tracy McKinney	KD6UNL, Larry Call
KN4JMM, Todd Hackathorn	KN4MWE, Jana Hackathorn
WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich	KJ4OZU, Candy Aldrich
WV4O, Josh Kerr	KN4NSQ, Logan Pawlik
KJ4CY, Charlton Young	KN4QFP, John Coyle
KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper	KN4NOX, Ben Byrley
KN4RFZ, Greg Gordon	KN4IRN, Steven Dabbs
N4KTN, John Mitchell	Jeremiah Bagley, guest
KJ4W, Bill Call	KN4RGB, Stuart Naulty
KM4YCU, Jeff Robinson	KN4IRQ, Scott Holt
AF0SI, Dale Pentecost	KM4JZX, Richard Palmer
KN4JLP, John Black	KN4MJZ, Rebecca Black
KN4KYU, Mitchell Moss	KG4OLI, Jonathan Barrett
WB7D, Dale Barrett	KG4OCJ, Valerie Barrett
KF4KNF, Steve Adcock	KN4SCB, Michelle Proctor
KM4NUY, Jerry Johnson	W4ELR, Eric Rich
KI4ZIU, Stephanie Ward	AD4ZN, Melvin Ward
KA4WWS, Tim Edmonson	KY4GAL, Charlotte Edmonson
Caleb Edmonson, guest	Grayson Edmonson, guest

Secretary's Report – Motion to accept minutes emailed, was made by Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS and seconded by Charlton Young, KJ4SYV; the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, reported writing three checks as follows: \$66.00 Josh Kerr (website fee), W5YI \$14.00 VE exam fees, and \$12.68 Tim Edmonson (for various items too numerous to mention), leaving a current balance of \$2583.02 We received a donation of \$600.00 to be applied to improving Field Day, but that has not yet been deposited.

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported all repeaters are working. 94 machine is doing well, but on last night's net we had interference during the 15-20 minutes that covered up weaker stations. The other two are doing fine.

Faculty Advisor Report, Eric Rich, W4ELR, reported upgrading the computer's operating system that is used on the repeater for Echolink. Jonathan Barrett, KJ4OCI, reported that the university has hired a new President, but that should not effect the club's operation.

OSL Manager Report, Sue Reimer, NR4R, notified Mike Lyons, KK4PLD, that she has sent out a couple of QSL cards.

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported the exam session after last month's meeting resulted in John Coyle, KN4QFP, upgrading to Extra and Michelle Proctor passing her Technician class exam and being issued KN4SCB. Congratulations to John and Michelle. There will be a test session following tonight's meeting and four or five examiners were requested to stay for the session.

Net Manager Report, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, reported via a message to Mike Lyons, KK4PDL: 4 sessions, 108 stations, 227 minutes, 408.6 operator hours.

Old Business: "Parks on the Air," Scott Holt, KN4IRQ, stated that the club is now registered to activate any of the Parks. He has flyers available about operating "Parks on the Air," please contact him for more information.

Program: was presented in two parts, the first “Vacuum Tubes” was presented by Bill Call, KJ4W and the second was “Linear Legal Limit Amplifier Build” by Tim Edmonson, WA4WWS.

New Business: Field Day Committee Report was presented by Tim Edmonson, WA4WWS. Volunteers are needed for set-up and take down, please sign-up with Rich Palmer, KM4JZX. We will do a run thru of set-up on June 15th at 10:00 am to test the radios, computers and networking. Denis Barton, WB8SKP and Dale Barrett, WB7D, will be in charge of the networking. Tim Edmonson, WA4WWS, and Josh Kerr, WV4O, will be in charge of equipment needs. Informational Booth will be taken care of by Mitchell Moss, KN4KYU. Requesting the \$600.00 donation be used to buy 5 filters as follows (2) 20 meters, (2) 40 meters and (1) 80 meters, there was no opposition to this request, so Bill Call, KJ4W will order the filters. We will be installing a 2 – 20 meter antennas (beam and vertical dipole), 2 – 40 meter antennas (both dipoles) an 80 meter dipole and a 15 meter vertical antenna. We will also be holding two raffles, one for a Yaesu Fusion FT70, selling tickets at \$5.00 each and a second raffle for an Yaesu Fusion FTM400, these tickets will sell for \$10.00 each. Please see Tracy about buying and/or selling tickets (members are encouraged to try to sell 10 tickets each). Drawings for both raffles will be June 22nd. Training and Elmer day will be June 1st, time to be determined, Kentucky QSO Party and it was suggested that we consider adding more dates to this so members are more comfortable with contesting and logging.

Rich Palmer, KM4JZX, requested we order more business cards before Field Day, and will check out pricing and get back with the officers (purchases under \$50.00 can be approved by the officers).

Upcoming Hamfests are as follows: March 23rd, Union City, TN; April 6th, Elizabethtown, KY; April 14th, “Memphis Freefest”, Bartlett, TN; June 1st, Princeton, KY

New member applications for Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB, and Steve Adcock, KF4KNF; was submitted with a motion to accept by Bill Call, KJ4W, seconded by Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, and were both approved by the membership.

Bill Call, KJ4W; also reminded everyone that dues are now due for 2019 and need to be paid by the April meeting to be eligible to vote or run in the election of officers. We need to elect a new President, Vice President and Secretary, Bill Call, KJ4W, would probably agree to continue as Treasurer. Dues are \$15.00 per single person, family membership is \$15.00 plus \$5.00 per licensed amateur radio operator, in your household.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Secretary