

Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2016

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(at is used above instead of @ to hopefully confound and confuse the spam bots.)

Treasurer's report: Lois (KA9IOS) gave the treasurer's report and said there was no change from last month. The bank tried to charge us \$4 for the paper statement, but Lois reminded them we are a Not for Profit with well over \$1000 in our account, they don't pay us any interest, and they weren't going to charge us for a paper statement. They refunded the \$4 and told her how to setup for paperless statements. Bill (KD9DLR) moved to accept. Dave (KF9IH) seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Dave (KF9IH) summarized the July meeting minutes. The 2017 hamfest reservation should have been \$350 instead of \$250 as initially reported. Joe (KA9OPL) moved to accept as corrected. Marion (WD9HTN) seconded. Motion passed.

Trustee Reports:

2 Meter Repeater: Marion (WD9HTN) reported he and Russ (KA9MZV) heard a hum or buzz on the repeater Friday night about a week ago. When he called Baltus Saturday morning, it seemed to have healed itself. Since then it has been working ok.

440 Repeater: Joe (KA9OPL) reported it has been working ok except there isn't much activity. EchoLink is working ok.

Old Business: Matt reserved the Fairgrounds building for April 1 for the 2017 hamfest and turned in the \$350 deposit. ARRL has DVD movies of DXpeditions to exotic locations, but we may need to be an affiliated club to borrow them to show at meeting programs. If so, we need to find out if over half of our members are ARRL members.

New Business: Benjamin Zwissler thanked Josh for forwarding their contact information to SCICSG. Josh is looking into a way to keep track of contact information like that for the club: people that work on repeaters, and tower climbers, etc. for possible future use. Kenwood has discontinued their THF6A triband HT (2m, 220, 440 with wide band all mode receiver 100kHz to 1.3GHz) which used to sell for about \$290. The new model will have GPS and APRS, and will probably cost about twice as much. AES is going out of business, and might have some closeouts. Ham Radio Outlet will take over the one in Milwaukee. Josh reminded us we should be looking for ways to reach out to the community to develop interest in amateur radio. Possible ideas include a monthly radio in the park setup, a separate program meeting, or shortening this meeting and adding a program. If we do it though, we need to commit to a regular schedule. Josh also expressed an interest in packet radio and digital radio modes and asked if the club has any equipment for members to experiment with. Josh also mentioned the FRC (First Robotic Competition (high school)) and FTC (First Technical Challenge (elementary school)) groups are starting their 2017 season. If anyone is interested, contact Josh for more information..

We had a couple guests tonight: Mathew (KD9GSM) and Jennifer Maxwell. Mathew is a new ham who just got his general license last week. Congratulations Mathew.

Josh (KC9YUA) moved to adjourn, and Bill (KD9DLR) seconded.

Submitted by: Jim (WA9TGO), Secretary