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Important Club News: VE Testing Session

A VE testing session will be held on December 4, 2010 at the Red Cross in Saginaw. The session will include all 3 Elements so if you would like to upgrade hit the books this month and take the test next month, this is your opportunity. Seating may be limited with Mikes N8XPF Tech class having first opportunity. Doors will open at 9:00 am to register and testing will begin around 9:45 am. No one will be admitted after testing begins.

Also board and officer nominations will take place at the November meeting.

For ARES Members: Training on at 7pm, at the Harry Browne Airport. Topic: Net Control Stations.

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: November 5th, and December 3rd

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: November 6th, and December 4th

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: November 17th, December 15th

General Meeting Minutes

American Red Cross Building

October 1, 2010

Called to order at 8:00 pm with 26 in attendance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, raffle ticket sales, and the usual introductions.

President's Report: Next month's meeting will include nominations for the December election.

Thanks to all who helped at the Care Breaks; especially the all-nighters. Their willingness to help shows "character".

Secretary's Report: Motion by Gordy (KC8YVD) to accept the August meeting minutes as published in the Harmonic; second by Duane (KD8NRB) and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reports for August and September were read and presented by Judy (KC8BYI). The club's bank account has over \$5,000 for the first time in a long time.

Motion to accept August's report by Emmett (W8EAB); second by Steve (KD8FQL) and passed.

Motion to accept the September report by Gordy (KC8YVD); second by Mike (N8XPS) and passed.

Old Business:

Rosien tower project: Do we need to assign a committee? Currently, Jeff and Ron

Abandon? Make do with what we have? Hold until spring? Go with it now? Decided to hold until spring.

Only received one bid, and it was too expensive; \$1600 to only mount the tower, nothing else included. It is functional as is, except ATV.

Discussion about which tower to use: Ron suggests using the Rohn 55 for Rosien, and the Rohn 20 for the Red Cross building.

Emmett (W8EAB) commented that the construction may be partially donated with the 501c3 status.

Motor on the Red Cross building: Needs to be inspected per Ron (KC8YVF).

Brian (KA8YXV) can climb it – will be there tomorrow, Jeff (KC8BDQ) can repair it. Should replace the tower & the guy wire, hardware, cables in the spring, but can fix the rotor now. Rotor is functional now too. Dave (N8ERL) says the guy wires are in good condition and fairly new (5 years).

Lou (W8LPV) announced that there will be prizes at the December Christmas party meeting.

Judy (KC8BYI) noted that the December meeting will include elections, as well as goodies 30-45 minutes before the meeting. Bring a dish and bring your family!

Judy (KC8BYI) reiterated thanks for the Care Breaks – they are important to the club! DOT is changing how they are done next year – will be done online.

Jeff (KC8BDQ) will be having surgery the end of October. They will be removing the plate & screws from his ankle, hoping that it will lessen the pain.

Mike (N8XPS) announced that there are already 5 people registered for the tech class, which is enough to guarantee the course. Class will be October 12 – November 30 on Tuesdays from 6pm – 8pm at Heritage High School. Mike (KD8MMH) asked if there are extra books; yes.

New Business:

Appreciation award & plaque for Metro youth Day was presented by Lou (W8LPV).

Motion to accept new member, Michael Gascoyne by Emmett (W8EAB); second by Judy (KC8BYI) and approved.

Joe (K8CQF) asked if we would participate in the Pride Parade and Santa messages again this year – yes. This includes the lighting of the Christmas lights in Saginaw and starts on Friday night. We take messages to Santa (mostly from children) and send them to Fairbanks, Alaska. From there, they are delivered to North Pole, Alaska. Jim Waits (the telegraph guy) is willing to participate again. Joe encourages the club to include a float for the parade. It is November 19 & 20; the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Jackets: Still only have 2 pending orders; must have a minimum of 4 to place the order. Judy (KC8BYI) has order forms.

Ron (KC8YVF) reminded of the ARES SET tomorrow. This includes the State, County and local. Will be doing radio tests at the outskirts of the County. Using VHF, Simplex & HF frequencies.

Dave (N8REB) inquired about the reference to a repeater book in the latest meeting notes. There were originally 2 copies of instructions for operating the repeater; one for the repeater committee, and one to be kept at Rosien.

50/50 was won by Jeff (KD8IOK) - \$22

There will be no club breakfast tomorrow due to the SET.

Presentation: Joe (K8CQF) presented "History of Radio Wave Propagation" from "Ionospheric Radio Waves" book.

Next month Dave (W8DW) will present about contesting and radio sport.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe (K8CQF); second by Gordy (KC8YVD). Meeting adjourned.

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Board of Directors Meeting

October 13, 2010

Texan Restaurant on State Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm. Present was: Jeff, KC8BDQ, Judy, KC8BYI, Emmett, W8EAB, Ron, KC8YVF, Duane, KD8AUY and Lou, W8LPV.

Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by Emmett, W8EAB and was seconded by Duane, KD8AUY.

Treasurer –presented copies of monthly printouts accepted at the general meeting. Lou received final reports to submit regarding the 501(c) 3 change from Tom Jaffke. They require a \$400 filing fee. It was agreed to send certified mail. Jeff, KC8BDQ made a motion to pay the filing fee. The motion was seconded by Emmett, W8EAB. All were in agreement. This will be discussed at the next general membership meeting. Motion was made by Emmett, W8EAB to present Tom Jaffke with a plaque for all of his work. The motion was seconded by Duane, KD8AUY. All were in favor.

Chairman's report: ARES training on Oct 28th; EM position with county retained for 2011 and reminder that club elections will be in December.

Discussion was held regarding Pride Christmas events in November. Motion by Judy, KC8BYI and seconded by Duane, KD8AUY to provide up to \$250 for Jim Wade to assist with this event. The funds will be used for a room and pizza. All were in favor.

Discussion followed regarding a Tower Committee. It was agreed that this would be a very good idea and that there should be at least 4 members. Jeff, KC8BDQ, will check with Bursma Electronics on any recommendations for tower companies.

Duane, KD8AUY, will have a short video/program for the Christmas meeting. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm and family members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend.

Jeff, KC8BDQ moved to adjourn seconded by Emmett, W8EAB. The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 8:00 p.m.
at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday
following the general membership meeting,
8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting,
8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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