

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club Minutes

December 13, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM (19:30) by President KC1TWR Tim Rodgers. The Club Secretary, Chip KC1AUM, was acting secretary for this meeting.

II. Attendees

W1FWE Jim Seaton; KC1TWR Tim Rodgers; WA1DD Darryl DelGrosso; N1EAT Tina Main; KC1AUM Chip Chiapperini; K1EV Bill Birtcher; Marc Denno. Introductions held.

III. Communications

Information letter from Douglas Sharafanowich for Youth Program

IV. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of November 8, 2016 were not submitted for approval. Will submit at a later meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report

1. \$25.00 was approved for payment for filing with State of Connecticut.
2. Tina reported on obtaining an EIN number for the club. Discussion followed. No vote or consensus resulted. Further discussion needed.

VI. Old Business

1. Auction:

- a) Continued discussion from last month regarding the use of credit/debit cards at the auction. No decision made.
- b) Discussion about the commission the card machines need. No conclusion made.
- c) Suggestion was made, if they chose to use a card, then we charge them the extra fee for the commission.
- d) Discussion had on how to handle the stuff that doesn't sell, whether we should charge for disposal in some way, how to get rid of it.
- e) If persons leave before their last item is auctioned, what is the process?
 - i) sell and keep?
 - ii) sell and track seller down?
 - iii) issue in the past was people leaving old junk for club to find a way to dispose of.
- f) to be discussed at next meeting.

2. Tech Class:

- a) Tech class completed, five people passed.
- b) next Winter Tech Class will be in Ledyard through the Ledyard Parks and Rec.; starting January 6, 2017. Tom WA2RYV is instructor

3. Field Day:

- a) Field Day is June 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2017
- b) Discussion had on whether to do our own, join RASON (RASON is holding their Field Day at Uncas on the Thames), or do individually.
- c) An excited discussion was had over having a club field day, maybe even in combination with RASON, at Blonder Field in Ledyard. Ideas were presented to make it a family outing/Picnic as well as Field Day activities. More discussion needed.

5. Tents:

Discussion continued from last meeting regarding buying a tent. It was presented that the cost of a tent would be ~\$300.00 for a 10'x10' tent with sidewalls. It was later motioned that we go with a 12'x12' tent with sidewalls, and expand it later to 2 tents in lieu of buying one 10'x20'. Motion carried unanimously. Bill K1EV, Tom WA1RYV and several others are the "committee" who will choose the model, etc.

6. Continued discussion on Purchased Items

- a) Where to store? Cannot presume we will always have space at Red Cross building.
- b) Where to store tents being considered for purchase

Tina N1EAT noted she could store the tents at her place.

7. TIPS Net:

- a) Salem Repeater owner has given permission for use on Wednesday evenings; 147.06 on Wednesday @ 7PM for 1 hour.

VII. New Business

1. Audit Comm. ????? need info on this subject... what it is, what was discussed or voted on.
- 4) Discussion on partial dues for new members based on when they join. Suggestion that new members get one year free.
5. Marc Denno was welcomed into the club with first year of club membership free.
6. Reimbursement to Tina N1EAT the amount of \$70.00 (\$50 to Secretary of State for year end filing and \$20 for the "Agent in Charge" change). Motion passed unanimously.
7. Motioned that we give a \$50 ARRL gift card to be auctioned off at the Christmas Brunch. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Health & Welfare

1. no report received.

IX. Closing of Meeting

1. Meeting closed at 8:46 PM (20:46). Motion made and passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Wayne Chiapperini; KC1AUM: *Secretary*