

The Black Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Meeting minutes for
Friday, November 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by president Harry Martens, WAØMFZ at 19:30 MST with 13 persons present. The meeting was held in the lecture room at the EE/Physics building on the campus of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

The club's secretary, Charles, ACØGD could not be present, due to being out of town for work.

The minutes of the October, 2009 meeting were read and approved with corrections.

The September, 2009 treasurer's report was read by treasurer, Chris, WØADZ and approved.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Scott, WAØVKC reported that the eighth year of JOTA was a success, with many scouts participating and 25 to 30 contacts were made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott, WAØVKC mentioned Skywarn Recognition Day, the first weekend in December. Operation will be from the U.S. Weather Service offices on Star hill, in Rapid City. Contact Scott if you are interested in participating.

Harry, WAØMFZ reported that a door has been purchased and installed on the storage shed behind the clubhouse. It needs more work before we start storing donated repeater equipment, there.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to paint the storage building.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to notify all delinquent members, via e-mail that they will be removed from the roster at the next meeting, if dues are not received by that time. Frank, NUØF can send the e-mail to the appropriate recipients.

Harry, WAØMFZ would like more people to volunteer for presentations after ham club meetings. Anything involving amateur radio would be welcome, including technical subjects, exotic operating modes, traffic handling, contesting, DXing,

etc.

Please notify Jerry about any club or amateur radio activities for inclusion on the w0blk.org web page.

It was moved, seconded and voted, unanimously, to have the dinner party, after the February 20, 2010 ham auction at the Eagle's Club in Rapid City. Gary, KØCX will make the arrangements.

It was suggested to poll the members regarding possibly changing the meeting day and/or time. Some members are not able or comfortable with night driving. Meetings could continue to be held on the third Friday night and start earlier. Meetings could be held on Saturday mornings or afternoons. Or, maybe you want no change at all. Make your wishes known to the president, via Frank, NUØF if you feel strongly one way or another.

Dale, WA1RJC requested that battery telemetry be added to the 34/94 repeater. A low-level beeping would indicate that it was running entirely on battery. A steady tone would indicate battery depletion. It was moved, seconded and voted, unanimously to approve the modification.

Dale, WA1RJC also requested that the 146.34 receiver be tone guarded with a 146.2 Hz CTCSS tone. This would prevent ripping from intermod. However, this would also exclude old equipment that was incapable of transmitting the CTCSS tone. It was decided that the best course of action was to poll the members. Please let the club know if you feel strongly, one way or the other.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:26 MST.

Following the business meeting, Chris, WØADZ gave a very interesting presentation about Propman 2000 propagation prediction software.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Peterson, KØCX
Acting secretary

People Present:

WA1RJC, Dale Thomas

KØLGB, Lee Boyles

KBØVBB, Dan Hern (who has just upgraded to general class)

WAØFPR, Bob Olson

KØHF, Jeff Halgerson

ACØLU, Logan Loeb

NØMHJ, Gene Mc Pherson

KØRMB, Randy Bagby

WAØVKC, Scott Rausch

KØCX, Gary Peterson

WØADZ, Chris Stallkamp

WAØMFZ, Harry Martens

KDØJLS, Matthew Cagle