

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2012

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met March 6th, 2012 at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department fire hall. There were 13 members, 3 newly elected members, and 1 visitor present for a total attendance of 17.

President K5EBI Eldon called the meeting to order at 7:43 P.M., then had Secretary / Treasurer K5BKT Peg read the December 6, 2011 meeting minutes and treasurer's report. A motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as read was made by N5GMR, Jewell and seconded by WB5ARI, Jackie. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mike Stewart, KF4NSE passed his General class and plans to test for Extra soon.

New Business:

President K5EBI Eldon mentioned that a Weather Spotter's class will be held by John Robinson from the National Weather Service on Monday, March 12, 2012 from 3:00-6:30 P.M. At the First Pentecostal Church on Hwy. 5 in Bryant, AR. For those wishing to attend, Eldon said a pdf on the Weather Service website would be needed.

Barbara, KD5PPK suggested we might send Fred, N2JAS some money, if needed, to ensure he comes to Field Day this year. It should be noted that Fred and his wife Patsy moved back to PA and are sorely missed by all.

Jill, KC5UXS sponsored Mike Stewart, KF4NSE for membership into BARS. Mike was voted into the club by 75% + of the membership.

Barbara, KD5PPK asked if BARS was still an ARRL Affiliated Club. BARS no longer is an ARRL affiliated club as we no longer meet the 80% requirement.

Jackie, WB5ARI sponsored Gerald Bauer, AB5CY and Glen Bauer, AE5TF for membership into BARS. Both brothers were voted into the club by 75% + of the membership.

There was a brief discussion about Field Day, 2012. BARS will again operate from Mills Park in Bryant, AR and again we have Jewell, N5GMR to thank for obtaining the pavilion. There was comment about operating 1A or 2A with no decision reached until Field Day 2012 rules are published and read.

A motion to adjourn was made by KD5PPK, Barbara, seconded by WB5ARI Jackie, followed with a unanimous vote at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Porterfield K5BKT

Secretary - Treasurer