

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2012

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met June 6th, 2012 at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department fire hall. There were 9 members, 2 newly elected members, and 1 visitor present for a total attendance of 12.

President K5EBI Eldon called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M., then had Secretary / Treasurer K5BKT Peg read the March 6, 2012 meeting minutes and treasurer's report. A motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as read was made by WB5ARI, Jackie and seconded by WD5C, Larry. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Fred, N2JAS will be contacted by Eldon, K5EBI and extended an invitation to come for Field Day this year.

Barbara, KD5PPK had suggested in March that we invite Fred.

New Business:

WA5LOC, Jerry, informed the group that there is a discount on your water bill if you are a Senior Citizen, as well as no penalty if you are late with your payment. He is unsure of the age requirement. One must take their driver's license and go to the water company. Discount is \$6.00 in Bryant, \$4.00 in Benton.

Mike Stewart, KF4NSE passed his Extra Class license. His new call is AF5CZ. Congratulations are in order!

Jerry, WA5LOC stated that Don Banta, K5DB had contacted him and asked that K5NE be a bonus station in the AR QSO Party to be held September 8, 2012. K5NE would be worth 200 points if contacted. The AR QSO Party will be 12 hours, from 9am to 9pm and will allow CW, phone, PSK. The BARS members agreed that K5NE be a bonus station. Jerry asked for more help. Peg, K5BKT promised to help. Mike, AF5CZ said he might be able to help with PSK.

Peg, K5BKT sponsored Eddie Moore, N5JYP for membership into BARS. Eldon, K5EBI sponsored Jerry James, KA5NWA for membership. Both were voted into the club by 75% + of the membership.

Eldon, K5EBI told the membership present that the Caren Club in Little Rock is sponsoring a Technician Class on June 16, 2012. He thinks the class is 8:30A.M. -6:30 P.M. with a test likely at the end. Contact Eldon for details.

There was discussion about Field Day, 2012. BARS will again operate 1A from Mills Park in Bryant, AR. Set-up will begin at 10 A.M. Eddie Moore, N5JYP has a trailer if we need it. Eldon, K5EBI will provide the solar panel. Jerry, WA5LOC will provide the radio and antenna for the natural power station. Larry, WD5C and Peg, K5BKT will provide the van, the generator, the delta loop and the wire antenna. In addition, Peg will provide the coffee pot and code oscillators. Larry will also provide the matchbox, bow and arrow and, last but not least, the DELCO spark plug!

Peg also promised to handle the publicity, press release, etc. Jerry, WA5LOC will contact Jim Dacus to come out as our elected official. AF5CZ promised to copy the Field Day bulletin on PSK. Eldon and Eddie volunteered Jarion, KC5GUY, to edit the logs after Field Day and submit the final report to the ARRL.

A motion to adjourn was made by WB5VEV, Jim and seconded by WB5ARI, Jackie, followed by a unanimous vote at 8:30 P.M.

Respecfully submitted:

Peg Porterfield K5BKT

Secretary - Treasurer