

Benton Amateur Radio Society  
Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2016

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met February 1, 2016 at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. There were 17 members and 3 visitors present.

President Tom, N5TTI called the meeting to order at 7:42 P.M. He thanked us all for electing him President, then had Secretary/Treasurer K5BKT, Peg read the December 1, 2015 meeting minutes and treasurer's report. A motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as read was made by Larry, WD5C and seconded by Jewell, N5GMR. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

It was noted that several club members have had or will have surgery in the near future. KJ5XT, Larry is facing triple bypass surgery. WA5LOC, Jerry may be facing carotid artery neck surgery. Charles Ward has had heart surgery. Jim, WB5VEV is facing dialysis.

Barbara, KD5PPK, became a Silent Key in December, 2015. She will be missed.

A plant was sent from the club. Several members of the club were present for the visitation and/or funeral services. A motion was made by Eldon, KE5BI to reimburse Peg for the plant purchased. The motion was seconded by Eddie, N5JYP. The motion carried.

Jack Hand, WD5GTT is also a Silent Key. His burial was earlier today. He will be missed by all who knew him.

The Monroe, LA hamfest is April 16, 2016.

The packet for 2016 Field Day came out yesterday. N5TTI brought several copies. New this year is a 100 pt. Bonus for advertising on Facebook or other social media sites. There is also a new Bonus for having a Safety Officer and checklist.

Tom, N5TTI brought a short video about the VP8THU 2002 dxpedition to the

South Sandwich Islands. There was a new dxpedition to the Islands that had to be canceled. A longer video of the 2002 dxpedition was offered to any who might

want the DVD that Tom had made.

N5YLE, Bobby sponsored KG5CFJ David Miller for membership in BARS.

KE5BI, Eldon sponsored WB8DEG, John Daugherty for membership in BARS.

The vote for both was unanimous. Welcome, Gentlemen!

KC5UUL, Mike had some Fire Department news for us. He said that last year the all-volunteer Salem Fire Department has answered 754 alarms. The volunteers had undergone 5,600 hours of training. They have a goal of having

a VHF ham station in ALL of their fire departments in Saline County for emergency communication. When that goal is achieved, they may have a need

for BARS members to help operate those stations in an emergency.

A motion to adjourn was made by KE5BI, Eldon and seconded by N5GMR, Jewell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.