

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2016

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met June 7, 2016 in the Gene Moss Building at Tyndall Park. There were 15 members and 2 visitors present.

President Tom, N5TTI called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M., then had Secretary / Treasurer K5BKT Peg, read the April 5, 2016 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 Eldon, KE5BI. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Updates: Charles Ward is recuperating. Jerry Sparrow's surgery has been postponed for now.

Field Day discussion continued, beginning with whether BARS will be 1A or 2A this year. AF5CZ, Mike moved that BARS be 1A this year (2016) and look toward being 2A next year. Jim, WB5VEV seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting vote.

K5ALI, Alli stated that she now had her CPR and First Aid certification and showed us the First Aid Binders and Kits that she had prepared. Eldon, KE5BI nominated Alli, K5ALI as Safety Officer to help us obtain the 100 bonus points offered. Steve, KT5H said last meeting that he would be present during Field Day to help K5ALI cover the 24 hour period.

K5ALI, Alli, said she could also help with the social media and would set up a Facebook/BARS page to post photos and information during the Field Day period.

New Business:

The meeting place for BARS club meetings was discussed. KE5BI, Eldon, moved that BARS meet at the Gene Moss building in Tyndall Park from this point forward. WB5VEV, Jim, seconded the

motion. The vote was unanimous. Eldon also offered to get the key to the building every other month, as well as stating that BARS could probably meet at his church if necessary.

Eldon, KE5BI also reported that he had taken part in a test session at the State Hospital for State Employees 2 weeks ago. There were 17 participants resulting in 12 new licences.

AE5D, Steve Owens has cancer and is selling his station to pay medical bills. He is also seeking a radio that he can get on 75m with if anyone knows of such a radio.

Robert, KF5KVA, mentioned the October Harvest Festival at his church, Grace Church in Bryant. There is no date or time set in stone yet, but Robert said it would be a Saturday from 9-2 ish. There are usually about 600 people in attendance and Robert wanted to know if BARS would be interested in setting up a table to promote ham radio. Further discussion was tabled until the August meeting when more details were known.

A motion to adjourn was made by KE5BI, Eldon and seconded by WB5ARI, Jackie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. Followed by a satellite antenna presentation by Mike, AF5CZ.