

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2016

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met August 2, 2016 in the Gene Moss Building at Tyndall Park. There were 12 members and 4 visitors present.

President Tom, N5TTI called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M., then had Secretary / Treasurer K5BKT Peg, read the June 7, 2016 meeting minutes and treasurer's report. A motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as read was made by Eldon, KE5BI and seconded by Jewell, N5GMR. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Eldon, KE5BI and seconded by Jewell, N5GMR to reimburse Larry, WD5C \$39.25 for generator fuel expense incurred during Field Day, 2016. The motion carried.

Eldon, KE5BI needs someone else to pick up the key before the meetings due to health commitments. Tom, N5TTI volunteered his wife. Peg, K5BKT said that she could get the key if Vanessa was unavailable.

Larry, WD5C presented Field Day 2016 preliminary results. 1,250 bonus points were earned. 881 contacts were made. The claimed score of 1762 added to the bonus points should make the K5NE total 3,012 points. This total represents a sizeable increase over the past several years.

New Business:

The Gene Moss building in Tyndall Park has been reserved through June of 2017 by Tom, N5TTI.

Alli, K5ALI announced that meetings and upcoming hamfests, events, etc. are posted on the BARS facebook page, which she maintains. She also gave the web address.

KE5BI, Eldon notified us that, as Trustee of K5NE, he had received some DX cards from the Incoming DX QSL Bureau along with a question about whether BARS wished to maintain a bureau account. Discussion followed, resulting in AF5CZ making a motion that BARS maintain an account and that funds be sent for envelopes and stamps. Larry, WD5C seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously

KE5BI also questioned whether BARS should have some official K5NE QSL cards printed? It was noted that while the cards received from the Incoming DX QSL bureau looked fraudulent, cards were often received for Field Day contacts made and contacts made other times the club call was used. K5ALI, Alli made a motion, seconded by KA5QPX, Freddie, that BARS get K5NE QSL cards printed. The motion carried. Tom, N5TTI said that he would check out the options.

There was a brief discussion about Field Day 2017, centering around the possibility of BARS going back to operating 2A, having a GOTA station, etc. Further discussion was tabled until the October meeting when it is hoped attendance will be greater.

A motion to adjourn was made by KE5BI, Eldon and seconded by N5GMR, Jewell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.