

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES – April 8, 2021

Opened: 7:30pm

Eric Roll Call:

- Michael Hunt KC8GIJ, Eric Berman, Keith AE3D, Bernie NK3PS, Jim N3ADF, Phil NO3N, David K3HRT, Bill NX2II, Mark KC3JTF, Rick AB3XJ

Acceptance of Last Meeting Minutes:

- Last Meeting Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

Goals:

- Goals are progressing well. No further discussion about them at this time. (See Committee Reports)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Keith AE3D Rules Committee meeting report:

- A table regarding the Canadian callsign prefixes were added to the QSO Party rules to help identify the correct prefix regarding provinces in Canada.

Eric Networking Committee:

- New servers have been put in.
- Batteries for servers will be purchased.
- Ted has a plan and will be submitting that soon.
- Ted has been asked to clean up wiring and is working on it. Eric is working on getting some cable management material that will help with this effort.
- Ted did ask if we can put an outside Wi-Fi antenna, if you have any Ubiquity networking equipment please let Ted know.

Keith AE3D Training Committee:

- Keith will be unavailable this Saturday but will record the class.
- They are scheduled to do their test this weekend.
- April 24th General class starts.
- The classes are all scheduled based on Field Day and getting people tested before that starts.

Keith AE3D Antenna Committee:

- Ropes were put up, somebody took them down, then they went back out and put them back up again. Assuming they are still there they plan to go back and put more ropes up and additional parts.
- Some parts have already been obtained.
- The second rope needs to be put up, get the antenna up and down, make sure that works well, then get baluns installed and working.
- Some details are still TBD regarding the antenna wiring and other things.
- We do have the lightning arrestors but still need to install the Baluns. The J-Poles will hang upside down.

Bernie NK3PS Antenna Committee:

- We have the new crank up tower installed and working well.

Eric New Tower:

- Working on parts and cost and working to get some equipment from Milford's boss to get the work starting and to get the plate. Did inform the county that we are putting a tower up and has informed the county about this new tower.
- One of the towers has issues with high SWRs and may be an issue with the feed line. The jumper coax that goes up to the antenna has been damaged near the top bearing plate. The connection from the hard line to the antenna has to be replaced. 10m has gone south. Maybe one of the 10m trap capacitors may have opened, this is a possible issue.
- Eric requested that Burnie put a plan together.

Eric 190 ft Tower Inspection:

- The 190 ft tower needs to be inspected.

Keith Cover Cost for J-Poles:

- **Keith:** Discussion regarding why we should cover it. Suggests making funding available to give us a starting position to start projects in general. The board should consider a spending motion for an antenna system that will be used for HF for an area in the club house, this should be a \$1500 – \$2000 dollar range and Burnie as head of the antenna committee would have discretion after talking to Eric about this. If the board would like to put a motion forward Keith suggests this but is not a current board member.
- **Eric:** would still like an estimate regarding this up front. We can make a motion with a buffer up-to a certain amount that we would have. We need to be able to tell our members what we are doing. There are other budgets with some funds available as well. We want to secure a reputable place to make sure we have a good supplier for the items we need.
- **Jim:** Suggest that Burnie call a soon to be antenna committee meeting and hash some of these items out and does want to keep waiting on this and doesn't want to see this push out to next year. Would like to see an antenna committee meeting ASAP.

- **Rick:** We must stay within our budget and not bust the budget. If this does not work then we should look at other ways to do finances.
- **Some additional discussions:**
 - We need to put these projects into our annual budget as projects.
 - Emergencies are different and they will always be there, but projects need to be budgeted for.
 - We will continue to do this ADHOC this year but moving forward for next year we must budget these projects.
 - There was a motion passed to allow the board to move budget items from one line in the budget to another line.
 - When we started diving into the books, we found higher priority items that had to be taken care of first. We are making changes and improvements and to better organize this and support our Treasure moving forward.
 - June is when Rick will ask every committee to give him something so it can be presented to the board for approval. This year we are trying to figure out what we spend money on and what we actually bring in.

Eric Workshop Work:

- We Got the bender breaker.
- Workshop progress is going well.
- One change is we are putting up one of the shelters on the outside. We moved the trailer over and started to put together the shelter. Contacted shelter logics to figure out how to put the shelter together. We need 2 or 3 people to come out on a Saturday and take a couple hours to get the work done.

OLD BUSINESS:

- EchoLink there was a presentation at the rules committee.
- **David K3HRT:** as of the last meeting the system is up and running. He was able to use the system on a smartphone. We now need to utilize it and tweak it. Right now limited users are authorized to use it. We need to open it up and get other members using it and working out any issues.
- **Eric:** We need to get together what the usage and policies are going to be and get this over to the board for next month for review.
- **Eric Propane Tanks:**
 - installed and generators working.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We have had someone that would like to be the club historian and Keith has some projects on that Willy Bursan is willing to be the club historian and Eric is appointed him historian. He is working with Keith to scan the old newsletters and will also be working on scanning old rosters in.
- Wed at 7:30pm is when the next antenna committee meeting is scheduled.
- There is a link on the ARRL that indicates that there may be more information on the ARRL website about getting additional historic information.

- Earlier this week someone on the repeater mentioned they could not find a way to sign up and give us money on the website. The ARRL also has a program to sign up people through our website for the ARRL. Huey is coming up with a solution. We are looking into including ARRL dues at the same time as club dues. Eric would like to have a letter go out to new members and offer to sign up to the ARRL at the same time.
- Jim N3ADF says we do not have a prospective area for new members to fill out their paperwork. Michael, Eddie, Phil and Eric pull together and come up with this communications plan. The website is not used as much as we would like to see. Consignment sales section of our website based on the Vienna system if they don't mind us copying their system. Currently we have a static page. Do we want to appoint a content manager for the website? Streamlining processes with the website, want to use our website more than we have. The Back Office needs to figure out, sales part of the website. Keith has been the only one that knew how to do the web forms. We need to train someone else in doing these web forms and not fully rely on Keith all the time.
- Eric would like himself, Michael, Phil, Eddie, to meet on Tuesday, get some lunch, go over the communications plan. Parties involved agreed to this meeting.
- Eric sent out an email: Need help Saturday morning to help to put that shed together.
- Sunday cable pickup might be postponed due to possible thunderstorms and therefore we are postponing until the 18th.

Adjournment: Eric ended at 8:44pm