

Minutes for December 2017 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting - 12/21/17 Meeting Called to order:
7:08PM

Officers Present: (x)President (x)Vice-President (x)Treasure (x)Secretary
(x)Tech Advisors ()Web Master (x) PIO

Number of Member present: 5 Number of Guests present: 0
Of the 11 Attendees 9 are ARRL members

Secretaries Report: (x) Read - () Amended - (x) Approved

Treasures Report: (x) Read - () Amended - (x) Approved

Vice President Report: Nothing to report

Technical Report: The G5RV has been rehung. Josh (KE8CPD) will work on the field single side band filters. The donated band cans were tuned.

Web Master Report: We need a new web master. Nathan (N8THN) made some clarification to the menus about renewal. The smile.amazon banner will now redirect to Amazon for approval.

PIO Report: GRARA will have it's holiday party on January 5th. New Ham / Get out of the Cabin Dinner will take place on February 3rd at the Pizza Ranch on 28th St.

Old Business:

- RC2000 has been purchased but still needs to be set up, this will be a roughly \$600 expense.
- There does not seem to be much interest in changing the rebroadcast time for the ARRL Newsline so that will remain the same.
- Mike (KB8ZGL) used a portion of the Club Self Insurance fund to pay off most of the bill for the repair of the IFR, and worked with whomever holds the debt so that we can repay the rest over time.

New Business:

- Mike (KB8ZGL) has met with FROM and it has been determined that the club with some assistance from Virtual Systems has provided FROM approximately \$5,000 of value in wiring and wireless access points, and we have received a very nice thank you note. FROM has reduced our rent and utilities, to \$100/month although we aren't sure yet whether this will be immediate or it will start with the new lease in May of 2018. Over we have a very good relationship with FROM and we have committed to being in the building through 2019. Bob from FROM has indicated that he would help the club with finding and applying for some grant money.
- Nathan (N8THN) and Josh (KE8CPD) are building a fox hunt attenuator. There is interest in starting or resuming some fox hunting activities.
- Nathan (N8THN) will program the repeater to connect to SantaNet.
- Hamfest? We had a discussion about the club taking over what used to be the Youth Hamfest. It was decided that we need to get a little more information

about the feasibility of this but there is definite interest. The best date would be Saturday April 14th, the 21st would be our second option and April 7th would be third. Nathan (N8THN) is going to reach out to Lowell High School and see about the cost to use the school. Jack (NY8D) has volunteered to run concessions.

- Del (W8WDW) would like to make sure the club participates in at least one OTA exercise in the next year, he mentioned MI State Parks OTA, Peaks OTA, and World Wide Flora and Fauna as some possibilities.
- Mike (KB8ZGL) submitted a tentative budget for the coming year asked for pre-approval to pay the fixed expenses i.e. rent, tower fees etc, without the need to wait until the next board meeting. It was indicated that this is the way we have done this for the past few years and this was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm: Minutes by Secretary Tad K8TCS