

Minutes for November 2017 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting - 11/16/17 Meeting Called to order:
7:05PM

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

Number of Member present: 3 Number of Guests present: 1

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

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

Vice President Report: Nothing to report

Technical Report: New radio interface has been ordered. RA40 was built and is in testing which is going well. The G5RV has been rehung.

Web Master Report: Nothing to report

PIO Report: The Indiana state HamCon is this weekend. The West Michigan New HAM, Get Out of of the Shack Dinner is being planned.

Old Business:

- We are still looking for remote rig equipment that will facilitate the use of the new room at FROM
- Courtesy tones on the voters were changed, and are now broadcasting in CW the first letter of the location they are in. With the exception of Holland and Hastings

New Business:

- The new room has been chosen at FROM. They will repaint the room and we can use the unused bathroom next door for some storage. We can move in when the room is ready we do not need to wait until the lease expires in April.
- The new membership renewal form is on-line, please fill out the new member renewal as soon as possible so the we maintain our ARRL status.
- A motion was made and passed that we would contribute \$30 to be a sponsor for the New Ham Get Out of the Shack Dinner. The current proposed date and place for the dinner will be February 3rd at the Pizza Ranch on 28th St. More details to follow as the plan firms up.
- There is an issue with the Wednesday 7:00 PM Newsline rebroadcast, it seems we re-broadcast Newsline at the same time as other repeaters in the area at and the question was asked if we should move our time so that all of the local repeaters are not tied up at the same time. Nathan (N8THN) will work with the other repeater organizations on timing and changes.
- The IFR has been repaired and is ready for use. A problem was brought to the boards attention that the repair costs \$2000, and we do not have \$2000 to cover the cost. A great deal of frustration was expressed about the lack of communication regarding this repair and the lack of board notification or approval of this expense. Additionally it is not known who covered the cost of the repair, someone named Andy may have payed the bill from the repair

facility. This expense will endanger our ability to cover our expenses in for the first quarter.

- There was a discussion on a possible fund raiser, maybe something at a restaurant like the KC SAR team did last week at Moes. Del (W8WDW) will continue to explore this possibility.
- We all need to share the GR Gives link, <http://grgives.com/nonprofit/larc/>, on our social media, and e-mail signatures, the club is in great need of an infusion of cash and the GR Gives campaign is a great opportunity.

Meeting adjourned 7:36pm: Minutes by Secretary K8TCS