

Minutes for October 2020 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting – 10/15/20

Meeting Called to order: 7:09PM

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

Number of Members present: 2 Number of Guests present: 0
Of the 6 Attendees 3 are ARRL members

Secretaries Report: () Read – () Amended – () Approved

The minutes from the previous meeting were not available

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

Minutes and detailed financial report are available in club Dropbox

Vice President Report: Del (W8WDW) had nothing to report.

Technical Report: Josh (KE8CPD) had a 7 item to do list:

1. Fix the tire on one of the mowers at Morley
2. Fix the gas tank on the other mower at Morley
3. Fix/replace the power supply at Morley
4. Figure out and get approval for the mower shack at Morley
5. Install/replace the door to the shack at Morley
6. Re-install the audio mixer at the BBL site
7. Build, program, test and install an Arduino based ARC(sp?) controllers.

There was some discussion about these items and Josh indicated that if anyone would like to assist or take on one or more of these projects he would appreciate the help. Josh also mentioned that the repeater had locked up in the last week and he had needed to log on and reset Asterix

Web Master Report: N/A

PIO Report: Jack (NY8D) reported the Muskegon club would be having a mini swap meet this coming Saturday. It was also mentioned that Hamcation in Florida has been canceled.

Old Business:

- The officer elections were held at the annual meeting in September, the current officers were all re-elected. It was also brought up that Jack (NY8D) was available for the meeting he was running the concessions for the GRARA swap.
- In addition to the talk about the officers election, there was a discussion about an amendment to the Club Constitution regarding changing the very specific language about the annual meeting to something less restrictive, like “The annual meeting needs to be held in September” Nate (N8THN) reminded everyone that there is a procedure that need to be followed to amend the constitution.

New Business:

- Membership dues for the coming year, there was some brief discussion about setting the dues for the coming year, one of the proposals that was made was to set the dues at \$29.95 but after further consideration it was decided to keep the dues at \$30 this was motioned and passed unanimously.
- Zoom Business meeting for the rest of the year. There are several members who for various reasons are not comfortable attending in person, indoor meetings. It was brought up that this entirely valid but there are others that would like to continue with in person meetings. It was decided that we would make an effort to bring in a laptop and include a Zoom meeting at the monthly business meeting for the foreseeable future.
- Nate (N8THN) brought up the current FCC proposal for application fees for ham applications. This was talked about and everyone was asked to go online and submit comments.
- There was a lot of discussion about the radio gear that Bob (KD8HNF/SK) donated to the club.

It was acknowledged that the stuff is taking up a lot of space in the shack and that there are club members that would like some of the gear.

There was general support of a proposal to keep at least one of the TS480s to replace the TS2000 as a better remote rig radio in the shack, and also to replace the 746Pro with the X3000 and one of the LDG tuners, then we would sell the TS2000 and the 746Pro. There was also talk of using one of the power supplies as a replacement for the power supply we have been having issues with at Morley.

Mike (KB8ZGL) has done an inventory of all of the stuff, and put it in a spreadsheet on DB, and again there was a lot of discussion about how to offer the stuff to club members for sale, and/or getting it to a ham fest or swap meet sale.

It was decided to hold off on making a decision about the final disposition of this stuff because of the limited number of people at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:47pm: Minutes by Secretary Tad K8TCS

Name	Call	Member	
Nate	N8THN	X	
Josh	KE8CPT	X	
Stephen	AC8QE	X	X
Frank Mollie	KD8OHS	X	X
Del Rockwell	W8WDX	X	
JACK AMELAR	NY8D	X	