

# Minutes for March 2021 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting – 03/18/21

Meeting Called to order: 7:05PM

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

Number of Members present: 9 Number of Guests present: 1

Of the 16 Attendees 15 are ARRL members

**Secretary's Report:** ( x ) Read – ( ) Amended – ( x ) Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** ( x ) Read – ( ) Amended – ( x ) Approved

Mike (KB8ZGL) reported that we have received our quarterly Amazon Smile donation, we have also received another 1 and ½ Diamond Club Members. We also had an anonymous donor present the club with a second Astron RS70M for the digital repeater rack.

Minutes and detailed financial report are available in club Dropbox

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

**Technical Report:** Josh (KE8CPD) purchased another Motorola radio as a backup for the repeater site. He also has the tire to repair one of the mowers. He indicated that the other mower may not be able to be repaired. There was a discussion about what we may need to do with the mowers. It was also reported that we have installed the new 70W power supply on the repeater.

**Web Master Report:** Nate (N8THN) has updated the plugins and software on the web server. We have also made corrections regarding UTC vs EST on the server clocks.

**PIO Report:** Jack (NY8D) reported that GRARA is doing VE testing. The Holland club is doing a HIAD on April 10<sup>th</sup>; they will also be having a local QSO party. The MI QSO party is coming up, and the IRA has scheduled their Hamfest for June.

## Old Business:

- Auction update: The Auction from the estate of KD8HNF has gone very well, raising over \$1,000. These funds have not been earmarked for anything beyond the new power supply yet. The board is having discussions on what to do with the remainder, and then will present some options in the future.
- Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation: Tad (K8TCS) is still working on re-drafting these documents, and will present them when they are finished.
- Zoom Meetings continuing through September: There was discussion about once again moving the meetings to the parking lot at FROM as the weather gets nicer. Nate (N8THN) also brought up the possibility of reserving the large room for meetings. Ken (K8ENT) mentioned that there are other users in the building and so instead of congregating in the hallway we may need to look into using other rooms as well.

## New Business:

- There are members that would like list items in the auction. A motion was made and passed to allow, with the club receiving a 10% cut of whatever was sold.
- Nate (N8THN) will work to remove the announcement from the repeater about Thursdays at the shack; this has caused some confusion.

- Jack (NY8D) is working on a plan to go camping at the Morley repeater site over the weekend that would normally be HamVention, more information to follow.
- Ed Brubaker(sp?) (N8ED) has decided to get out of the hobby and has donated all of his ham gear to the club. We will be adding this to the auction.
- As mentioned above, the auction was a success, but we did have items that did not sell. These items, and the items from N8ED and some others will be posted in a second auction. Nate (N8THN) has some ideas on how to better organize this.
- We began to plan for Field Day. We will plan on using tents or easy-ups. Field day will be June 26<sup>th</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>. Del will check on the availability of Lakeside Park in Lowell; as a plan B we could move up to the Morley site.
- Mike (KB8ZGL) renewed his donation to have the BBL site mowed for the summer. Nate (N8THN) reminded us that we need to get weed killer down sooner than June. There was additional discussion about additional maintenance needs at the BBL site.
- Mike (KB8ZGL) brought up the ISS as a possible fun radio activity; the ISS can be listened to using a VHF HT. There are a number of web sites with good information on contacting the ISS.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm: Minutes by Secretary Tad K8TCS

1	TAD S	K8TCS
2	Frank M	KD8OHS
3	Sam L	N8USY
4	Mike W	KB8ZGL
5	Lynn <del>S</del> Snyder	KD8CWP
6	Dan Verke	K8DAY
7	Ken W	K8EWT
8	Phil <del>S</del> N	AE8IW
9	Jack W	<del>A8</del> NY8D
10	Eddie B	KE8KWI
11	Kerigh T	KE8EAL
12	Josh M	KE8CPD
13	Cristy G	KE8KSN
14	Nate H	N8THW
15	Del R	W8WDW
16	Jeff N	W8JSW