

Minutes for January 2018 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting - 01/18/18

Meeting Called to order: 7:07PM

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

Number of Member present: 4 Number of Guests present: 1
Of the 10 Attendees 8 are ARRL members

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

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

Minutes and detailed financial report are available in club Dropbox

Vice President Report: Not present

Technical Report: The fox hunt project has been scheduled for 2/1 this will be worked on in the radio room for anyone who would like to attend. Josh (KE8CPD) is still working on the SSB and CW filters.

Web Master Report: Not much was done on the web page this month, Nathan (N8THN) will be adding a link to the Kent/Ottawa county Skywarn training

PIO Report: New Ham / Get out of the Cabin Dinner will take place on February 3^d at the Pizza Ranch on 28th St.

Old Business:

- Youth/Lowell hamfest - Nathan (N8THN) contacted the high school and the cost for rental is \$100/hr, it was figured that this would work out to be about \$545 for the entire event and this cost was a little higher than was hoped for. A motion was made and passed to table this until next fall when we would have more time to plan
- As noted above Nathan (N8THN) and Josh (KE8CPD) have moved the fox hunt project to February.
- The broadcast radio station that we had been been in discussion with regarding possibly renting some tower space has let us know that they have chosen a different option and will not be using our tower.

New Business:

- We need all of our members to please fill out and submit their membership renewal forms as soon as possible.
- Nathan (N8THN) has had some additional discussion with Vergennes Broadband about tower usage and they are still interested in potentially using our tower to distribute wireless broadband, they have asked to put some test equipment on the tower for a site evaluation. This was discussed and approved. It was also discussed that if the site is acceptable and they intend to move ahead with the project they will start to accrue rental and utility charges when their equipment is installed. They had asked if they could

install the equipment and wait to pay rent until they had sold enough subscriptions, it was thought that this would not be acceptable.

- A gentleman from the Lowell area passed away and his family donated his radio equipment to the club. Unfortunately when the family took down his tower they damaged the antenna and Josh (KE8CPD) thinks it would be cost prohibitive to repair. There were several radios that need some reassembly, as well as a number of other parts. These will be cleaned up and put back together with the intention of taking them to Hamfest this spring and selling them to generate some income for the club.
- This lead to a discussion about possibly programming some kind of interface that would search mLive and compare the names to the FCC call sign database and potentially contacting the families of local silent keys to help them with consignment sales of radio equipment as another potential way to raise some money for the club
- Someone also mentioned that the LOOK foundation may be able to help with some grant money if we have a particular project in mind, they will not assist with ongoing day to day operations.
- We need to move th radio room down the hall in the near future so that FROM can finish their construction.
- Mike (KB8ZGL) went through the member roles and 61% of our members are members in good standing with the ARRL, so we are still an ARRL affiliated club.

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm: Minutes by Secretary Tad K8TCS