

# Paducah Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM by PARA President, Bill Parmley, KR8L.

Introductions of all attendees, no visitors (See attendance sheet for those attending).

Minutes from last meeting were unavailable. Motion made, seconded and passed to move on. A copy of the previous months' meeting minutes will be obtained and forwarded to secretary and president.

Treasurer's report was provided by Greg Englert, KY4A. (See treasurer's report for details). Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Health and Welfare was discussed.

## Old Business

- PARA Digital (PSK31) Net, Thursday evenings, 8:30PM (0230 UT), 28.120 MHz -  
Mike, WA9WJL, discussed that the participation in the PSK31 net on Thursday evenings has been light the last few weeks. He suggested that additional modes be introduced and asked for help from other members that may be fluent in other digital modes. Suggested modes were Olivia, SSTV, ATV, etc. In addition, other frequencies, such as 2m SSB was suggested, but this was discounted due to lack of members with 2m SSB equipment. No path forward was decided on. The issue will be brought up in later meetings and members were requested to volunteer to contribute to the digital net with mode presentations at club meetings and demonstrations on the net.
- DES Trailer Mounted Antenna Mast Project –  
Mike, KY4OEM, stated that progress was being made on the trailer mounted mast and that pictures were available on the club website. Ken also said that the project was nearing the end of the conception/design phase and would be entering the construction phase in the near future. Ken, WA9WJL, has designed and constructed a retaining clamp for the top of the mast.
- Local Weather Net -  
Bill, KR8L, suggested to move forward with formal establishment of a local weather net really needed a volunteer Weather Net Manager. The Manager would coordinate the net control operation and volunteer weather net control operators. Issue was tabled until later meetings and a request for all members to consider volunteering for these positions.
- 2008 PARA Field Day –  
Ed, AB4IQ, reported that most of the preparations are completed for Field Day. He has to check on the permit for Kyler Park from the city and will do that next week.  
\* Club will run 3A with following stations: Station 1 – Yaesu MP-1000 (Club Radio) with G5RV, Station 2 – Ten-Tec Omni VII (provided by Ed, AB4IQ) with G5RV, Station 3 – Kenwood TS-2000 (provided by Bill, KY2O) with G5RV or other similar antenna.  
\* Bill, KR8L, brought up a point about the GOTA station and rules for eligibility for the station. It was determined that there would be very few operators (if any) that could be on the air with the station and be with the ARRL rules. It was decided to not call the third station a GOTA station but just have three stations. Therefore, PARA will run 3A during 2008 Field Day.  
\* Ken, KY4OEM, will provide portable generators for power. In addition, the DES emergency

response vehicle (bus) will be present and available.

\* Bill, KY20, and Lynn, KI4NRJ, will provide/prepare food, snacks and beverages.

### **New Business**

- Bill, KR8L, stated that the club had received a thank you card from the Broadway United Methodist Church due to our club contribution after the passing of Richard Sears, WD4CWT. In addition, Barry, W4IBI, stated that he had also received a thank you note from Richard Sears's sister. (see below for scan of thank you card)
- Suggestion was made by to possibly get a group of PARA members that are interested in getting one of the ARRL Field Day T-shirts. After some discussion, it was left up to individual members to organize as they desired to get Field Day T-shirts.
- Purchase Area Emergency Traffic and Weather Net – Sunday nights, 9:00PM, 146.060 + (179.9) Volunteer net control operators are listed on club web site home page ([www.w4nja.org](http://www.w4nja.org)).
- Paul, KI4GKW, brought up that there will be a Junkfest in Draffenville on Saturday, May 24.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50PM

Following the business meeting, Barry, W4IBI, gave a brief synopsis of his ham career and then a technical talk on station grounding.

