

Paducah Amateur Radio Association

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by PARA Acting President, Bill Parmley, KR8L.

Introductions of all attendees (See attendance sheet for those attending).

Minutes from last meeting were read. Motion made, seconded and passed as read.

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. Greg will email members corrected membership when he gets some time.

Health and Welfare was discussed.

Old Business

- PARA Digital (PSK31) Net, Thursday evenings, 8:30PM (0230 UT), 28.120 MHz -
Just a reminder to members to sign in if you are wanting to try PSK31 or brush up on your skills.
- Update on the club repeater (W4NJA) that it is now coordinated.

New Business

- A reminder was made for everyone to monitor the area repeaters during severe weather.
* Primary – 147.060 + (179.9)
- Question was brought up whether we need training nets on 2 meters. And whether we need someone to coordinate activation of weather nets. Further info later.
- Field Day 2008 – Motion made, seconded and passed to have field day at Kyler Park. Need to get permission from city of Paducah.
- DX report was provided by Ed, AB4IQ.
- Ken discussed possibility of getting a 450 machine for the area.
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- 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).

Meeting Adjourned

Following the business meeting, Bill, KR8L, gave a technical talk on status of software defined radio (SDR) in amateur radio. Kits are available for very affordable prices (~\$12). KB9YIG has a web site where the kits and software can be obtained. Also go to the SDR section of KR8L.US for more info. See links below for more info.

KB9YIG – <http://www.ewjt.com/kd5tfd/sdr1k-notebook/sr40/index.html>)

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