

Nashville Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Minutes, January 21, 2016
Shoney's Restaurant

Incoming President Ed Nutter, N1NUT, called the meeting to order with 19 members in attendance.

Ed presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Libby Lester, K4HER, for her outstanding service as club secretary during 2015.

Martha Fredrick, KJ4RIQ, presided over the installation of new club officers for 2016:

Ed Nutter, N1NUT - President
Ted Pennington, KM4JDM – Vice President
Paul Stinson, KJ4WQN – Secretary
Jerry Hedgcoth, KE4ETY – Board Member
Cale Mooth, K4HCK – Board Member

Ed thanked everyone for their participation in the Christmas Party at Ryan's in December. The Salvation Army received a large number of toys for distribution to needy children.

Ed emphasized that the Nashville Amateur Radio Club belongs to its members. Club members show up and participate at events and are responsible for the Club's good reputation. The Club should be about doing those things that the members want to do, and all members are encouraged to make suggestions, comments, etc., to any of the club officers. We want and need your input. We want the Club to grow, and all members are urged to encourage people they know to become licensed and join the Club.

Ed mentioned several upcoming events for 2016:

Engineer's Day, Adventure Science Center – February 20; Jeff Pryor, KC8NNO, is coordinating this event.
MS Walk - April 9
Club Tailgate Party – April 23, 7:00 am at Lock Two Park
Storm Spotter Class – March 17 (meeting will start at 6:00 pm)
Field Day - June 25, 26
Cystic Fibrosis Bike Ride – September 18
Jack n' Back – October 1, 2
Skymont Horseback Ride - unknown

Ed mentioned that the coordinators of the public service events have been very appreciative of our participation, and they are eager to have our support in future events. This speaks very highly of our performance and our organization. These events are good practice for emergency deployment. Dennis, KF4CSR, mentioned that he really appreciates learning how to respond when things break or don't go as planned, which frequently happens.

Personnel at the Tennessee State Fair have reached out to the club expressing an interest in having a ham radio station during the Fair this year, September 9-18. Ed and Ted plan to meet with them to learn more about this opportunity.

Jerry, KE4ETY, expressed his appreciation for everyone's support during his tenure as club president in 2015.

Jerry also mentioned several DXpeditions that are underway, including Palmyra (K5P), the South Sandwich Islands and the South Georgia Islands. Also, the National Parks on the Air (NPTOA) is underway, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Parks system. More information is available on the ARRL web site (www.arrl.org).

Paul, KJ4WQN, mentioned that Williamson County ARES is holding their "WCARES University" beginning on February 2 for anyone interested in obtaining a Technician license, or upgrading to a General Class license. Information is available on the WCARES web site at www.wcares.org. Also, the Nashville VE Team will hold their next testing session on March 12. For more information, see www.nashvilleveteam.org.

Marty, W1GEM moved to adjourn, and Dennis, KF4CSR seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, 7:00 pm at Shoney's Restaurant.

Note: Annual dues are \$20 and should be paid by the end of March. Those wishing to mail their dues should send them to:

Larry Franklin, KC4ZOA

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