



Nashville Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Minutes, October 20, 2016
Lock Two Park



Vice President Ted Pennington, KM4JDM, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm with 11 members in attendance.

The minutes from the September 15 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob, KB4PYP and seconded by Lee, KK4SXX. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

The Club Treasurer, Larry, KC4ZOA reported that the balance in the Club's account was \$2,817.20

Old Business:

1. CF Ride on September 17: Ted, KM4JDM reported that approximately 50 riders participated in that event. Despite the wet weather and the fuel shortage that weekend, the event went well.
2. Skymont Horseback Ride on September 30-October 1: Jerry, KE4ETY reported that the event went well with only one injured rider - a broken arm, and one runaway horse. The weather was hot and dusty and approximately 100 riders participated in the event. The support from the amateur radio operators was recognized and appreciated.
3. Jack n Back on October 1, 2: Jeff, KC8NNO, reported that 23 operators participated in this two-day event. No injuries to riders or any major problems with the event were reported. Jeff mentioned several areas for improvement at next year's event:
 - a. Communications – proper communications protocol involving use of Club call sign and “tactical” call signs. Initially, personal call signs were used for the net, switching to K4CPO later in the event. Tactical call signs were used without including personal call signs of the operators as required by the FCC Rules. Jeff suggested a pre-event training session might be helpful before the next event.
 - b. Repeater coverage – we could not link the repeaters covering the north and south portions of the route this year, and this prevented establishing an overall net control station.
 - c. SAG coordination and activity – Jeff reported insufficient equipment and no overall SAG coordination. Should the Club be providing SAG for these events in the future? There was also discussion about the liability issue for the Club and Club members working as SAGs. The NARC Board of Directors will address this issue.

Jerry, KE4ETY, mentioned his gratification in seeing younger members of the Club step up to coordinate these events. He also mentioned the use of the Club call sign, K4CPO during events. As trustee, Jerry is “on the hook” for any FCC Rule violations that occur while the Club's call sign is in use. He has discussed this issue with the ARRL's Regulatory group, and they advised that, as trustee, Jerry cannot relax any FCC regulations, but he can require restrictions on the use of K4CPO that are more stringent than those of the FCC. Jerry stated that he will be working on this issue.

4. Tailgate party/ Scouting Jamboree on the Air, October 15: The tailgate party was sparsely attended this year, and no Boy Scout Troops participated in the Jamboree-on-the-Air.
5. Christmas Dinner, December 15, 6:00 pm at Ryan's. Ted reminded everyone about this event, and requested that everyone bring unwrapped toy for a boy or girl to the meeting for the Salvation Army
6. Other Old Business:
 - a. Purchase of a new club projector – Wayne, W4EBY has assisted in researching and making recommendations on projectors for the club's use. Ted, KM4JDM reported that Club President Ed Nutter, N1NUT has requested that we defer any purchase of a projector until 2017 when we can re-evaluate the Club's finances.
 - b. Ted, KM4JDM reported that the Club's radio would be shipped out tomorrow for repairs.



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New Business:

- a. Nominating Committee Chair Bob Rogers reported that each of the current officers is willing to serve another term. Therefore the following are candidates for Club positions in 2017; nominations will be closed at the end of this meeting, and elections will be held during the November Club Meeting:
 - a. President: Ed Nutter - N1NUT
 - b. Vice President: Ted Pennington – KM4JDM
 - c. Secretary: Paul Stinson – KJ4WQN
 - d. Treasurer: Larry Franklin – KC4ZOA
 - e. Board Member: Lee Alder – KK4SXX
- b. In follow up to Councilman Syracuse visit to Club last month, we have learned that the Parks Department is requesting bids to put a new roof on the clubhouse. We appreciate Councilman Syracuse's efforts in this area.
- c. Ted, KM4JDM again encouraged members to contact Senators regarding support for HR1301.
- d. Other New Business: None

Ted, KM4JDM won the drawing for the evening's door price, a copy of the ARRL Operating guide

A motion to close the meeting was made by Jeff, KC8NNO, seconded by Mark, KI4REV.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul, KJ4WQN
Secretary