

## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2011 SMARC MEETING

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 PM, 08/22/11 at the USW Union Hall with Randy, K4RDJ presiding.

There were 25 members and 1 visitor present.

The visitor was Ethan Becker

Randy asked those present to introduce themselves as has been the practice at the beginning of each club meeting, stating their name and call sign.

Randy reported that Dennis Sparks, WB4NBE who was scheduled to present the program for the evening was not able to attend due to having experienced chest pains during the week which resulted in having a stent placed in one of his arteries. Dennis is recovering at home and expressed regrets in having to cancel his appearance.

Randy reminded the club members that the September club meeting will be the annual BBQ dinner and parking lot tailgate event.

Ned, K1GU told the club about the upcoming TN QSO Party being held on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> from 2PM EDT to 11PM EDT. More information on the event could be found on the web at [www.TNQP.com](http://www.TNQP.com)

In lieu of Dennis' program, Carroll, W4PCA showed some Ham Radio related video clips he had downloaded from the web on "YouTube."

After the program a break for coffee, soft drinks, cake or chocolate donuts was enjoyed by all.

After the break the business meeting was held. The treasurer's report was read with \$1711.43 in the club account. Carroll, W4PCA reported the annual insurance bill was paid in the amount of \$519.00. Carroll reported that the insurance covers the trailer in addition to the club repeater and club liability coverage.

Carroll also mentioned that the club pays \$14.10 a month for the cake provided by Food Lion brought in by Lisa, KB4LT.

Carroll reported that the Ten Tec Pegasus PC controlled HF transceiver and the Radio Shack HTX-420 2M/70CM HT donated to the club by Ed Bayne's son Eddie had been sold and the money deposited in the club account.

The door prize drawing was held with Lisa, KB4LT winning the \$15 cash prize and Ethan Becker, visiting the club won an ARRL Repeater Directory donated by Don Backys, K9UQN

The meeting closed at 8:22 PM