

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2017 SMARC MEETING

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 PM, 08/28/17 at the USW Union Hall with Kurt, KC4NX presiding.

There were 31 members and 3 visitors present.

Kurt recognized visitors who were: Barry Dykes, WD0VTN; Jerry Ferguson, K4WKD and Marion Loper.

Kurt asked those present to state their name and call sign, going around the room.

Carroll read the treasurer's report. The club account stands at \$3341.20. Carroll mentioned paying the expense of the renewal fee for the club liability and equipment insurance which was \$564.00 for the coming year, 2018. Carroll mentioned paying the \$150 to the Middlesettlements Church for Field Day site. Kurt asked Carroll to contact the representative of the church to reserve the site for 2018.

Kurt mentioned the upcoming SMARC activities:

SMARC 2 meter net every Thursday at 7:00pm on the club repeater frequency, 146.655

Kurt asked members to consider serving as a net control for the net.

Breakfast at Cracker Barrel around 9:00 am, open to all.

Sept. 11th VE session at St. Andrew's Church Fellowship Hall.

Sept. 25th SMARC club meeting and annual BBQ supper and parking lot tailgate session.

Oct. 23th Regular SMARC meeting

Steve, K4SXV told about the upcoming TN QSO party and asked that members participate in getting on the air to make contacts.

Kurt reminded everyone that elections for club officers are coming up at the November meeting and members should keep in mind possible candidates to fill the positions.

Kurt mentioned that he was asked if the club would consider having a page on Facebook. Some discussion followed and Carl, KI5SF said he would look into it.

Kent, KI4ZIZ told about his plans on erecting a 50 ft. tower at his QTH and could use some assistance with that as well as needing some testing on a roll of coax cable he is going to use. He wants to make sure the cable is good as he is going to pull it into a buried conduit.

The program for the evening was presented by Dave, K4PDS. His subject concerned his station including his equipment and his antennas. He had pictures (jpg) on his laptop PC which he projected on the screen as he described his equipment and antennas. He also told about getting more into the digital modes and provided some details on the software and his contacts.

After the program, many enjoyed refreshments and the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting closed at 8:45 PM