

## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2017 SMARC MEETING

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 PM, 11/27/17 at the USW Union Hall with Kurt, KC4NX presiding.

There were 31 members and no visitors present.

Kurt welcomed everyone to the meeting, outlining the planned agenda

Carroll read the Treasurer's Report. The club account is \$3065.85  
Carroll mentioned that the repeater fund stands at \$1430.00

Kurt reminded everyone about the weekly SMARC net on the club repeater and asked if anyone would like to serve as a NCS operator to make that known to Melvin, WB5KSM who serves as the net coordinator.

Also, Kurt mentioned the Friday breakfast gatherings at the local I-Hop restaurant which is located near the Home Depot Store. Gathering time is 9:00 AM

Kurt reminded everyone about the VE testing session to be held Dec. 11 at St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall. Exam time is 7:00 PM. Persons coming to take a test need to have an I.D. and the \$10.00 exam fee. Anyone for upgrade would also need to bring a copy of their existing license.

Also the annual club Christmas Party coming up on 12/12/17 at 6:00 PM. The party will be held at St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall, located at 400 W. Broadway in Maryville. As in the past, members planning on attending are to bring some type of dish of food to share. The club will provide meat, rolls and beverages. Carroll asked for a show of hands by those planning on attending.

The next monthly SMARC meeting will be January 22, 2018 as there is NO December meeting as the annual Christmas Party takes the place of a SMARC meeting.

Kurt told that he had a list of nominees for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President for 2017. Bob Wilson, KK4XA has agreed to be a nominee to serve as president, Tom Jenkinson, WB7TLW as Vice President, Carroll Peabody, W4PCA as Secretary and Randy Jackson to take over as Treasurer, splitting the jobs of secretary and treasurer.

Kurt said that nominations from those present would also be accepted before a vote was taken. There were no further nominations and a motion was made and seconded to accept those nominated.

Kurt also mentioned that he has appointed Jordan Webb to serve as the 2018 Field Day chairman.

Kurt said there will be a change in policy for next year regarding the purchase and bringing of the refreshments to the monthly meetings. Rather than having the same person responsible every month, a sign up sheet was suggested. Sam Howard KV4XY volunteered to bring refreshments for the January meeting.

Kurt mentioned that the program for the evening would be a presentation by Dave Kaun, N9KMY. Dave's program was all about grounding systems for ham stations and antennas including tower grounding. He had a slide

presentation using his lap top PC along with the club's projector system. Dave showed several ways to achieve reliable grounding for safety and efficiency. Dave answered several questions posed by those present.

After the program, a break was taken for some refreshments of donuts coffee or soft drinks.

After the break, several members remained for "eyeball" QSO's

The meeting closed at 8:40 PM