

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2018 SMARC MEETING

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 PM, 05/28/18 at the USW Union Hall with SMARC President Bob, KK4XA presiding.

There were 23 members and visitors present.

The visitors were: Lou Dreinhofer, WB3JKQ representing the RACK club of Knoxville, Elissa DeWhitt, XYL of Carl, KI5SF and Nicole Davis

Introductions were made as usual. Lou, WB3JKQ reminded everyone about the upcoming RACK Hamfest in June on the 16th.

Randy read the treasurer's report which is \$2860.59 in the club account.

Bob reminded everyone about the SMARC weekly net held on Thursdays at 7:00pm local time on the club repeater frequency, 146.655/.055 MHz. He also reminded about the Friday breakfast gathering of members at the I-Hop restaurant. The gathering time is 9:00 AM

Bob reminded everyone that SMARC participation in Field Day replaces the June club meeting.

Bob said the main purpose of the meeting was to tell of the plans for SMARC participation in this year's Field Day. SMARC will be operating at the same site this year called "Field of Dreams" which is a property off Middle Settlements Road owned by a church. The address is 2508 Middle Settlements Road.

A short break was taken for refreshments of cookies, cake and beverages.

After the break, Bob asked for a show of hands as to those who plan on participating in the FD activities. A discussion of what they could bring in the way of equipment and operating preference. He mentioned that so far there were five stations planned, two CW stations, two SSB stations and a VHF station. He also said that the club would set up a GOTA station to allow visitors, new hams or non hams to make contacts under the control of a designated Control Operator who would be the station manager. The GOTA station would operate under the Control Operator's call sign and not W4OLB call sign. The GOTA station does not count as an additional station but the contacts count toward the total score.

The breakdown of the other stations is as follows: Steve, K4SXV will operate CW on 80/20 and 10M. Pete WM4U and Carroll W4PCA will operate 40 and 15M CW. Kurt will set up to operate 80 and 40M SSB. Bob, KK4XA said he would set up to operate 20/15 SSB. Melvin WB5KSM said he would operate his 2M solar powered station which will give extra points if he can get at least 5 contacts.

Dee Carpenter along with Steve will be in charge of the food for the picnic supper held on Saturday afternoon/evening. A few members signed up to bring food items to contribute. Randy, K4RDJ volunteered to bring and cook hot dogs.

Bob Polk, WB2ENJ said he would be the "gas man" as in previous FD years providing fuel for the generators.

Bob, KK4XA expressed the need for enough generators to run the stations as running on emergency power merits additional points toward the total score.

Bob invited all present to come out to the FD site, operate a station and stay for the hot dog cookout held on Saturday.

Meeting closed at 8:45 PM