

HCARC Newsletter for June 2008

Reminder: Our monthly (second Tuesday) meeting will be tomorrow at 7:00. Some of the things that we need to discuss are the upcoming field day and we also need to start planning a disaster drill in the near future. There are a few members that haven't paid their dues yet so let's try and get those in so I can close out the books and don't forget we still have plenty of patches and cookbooks.

Minutes for the May 2008 meeting of the Houston Co. Amateur Radio Club

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Randy Hargrove KD5LZJ. There were 14 in attendance. The offering was made by Danny Lamb N5FMO. Bob McWilliams KD5VAU read the minutes from the last meeting and Ralph Reeves WA5FCL made the motion to accept and Van Sims seconded. The motion carried. The treasury report was then given and Mike Ellis KD5DVR made a motion to accept. Ralph Reeves seconded the motion and it was carried.

Under Old Business

Gene Grimes AD5QR reported on his identifications card project. Gene passed out some of the completed clip-on type IDs. Earl Jones KD5ZQM reported on the different types of card holders and offered two TYPES. Randy suggested that after the meeting members get with Earl and let him know what type of holder to get.

Cindy Sims N5RZR gave a report on the care packages for the service men and women in the Mid-east. Cindy discussed the price of postage and the other costs involved. There were some food items brought and it was suggested that this be an ongoing program.

Club t-shirts. Randy suggested that we get club t-shirts and talked about pricing and availability.

Work day at Huttos. Randy Hargrove, Van Sims, Bob McWilliams and Ray Lively W5WLC took down about 30 pines and sprayed for weeds at the club's radio shack. We still need to fix the cracked base on one of the guy wire supports and the building needs painting this summer. Van air fixed conditioner leak. Van made a motion to get some paint and David seconded. The motion to buy the paint carried.

Under new business.

Van reported that the new replacement radio has been installed and programmed. However there is still a problem with the antennae. It needs to be taken down and fixed

Ted Harding W5WAG gave a presentation over the upcoming field day scheduled for June 28 and 29. Ted suggested safety vest for the occasion. Ted handed out ARRL brochures to show some of the emergency services that Hams can help with. Ted has set up an interview with KIVY to speak about emergency communications. Ray Lively made a motion that we set up for the field day at the EOC. Randy seconded and the motion carried. Ted discussed many technical and legal issues surrounding field day and amateur radio in general.

At this time Ray Lively made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Cindy Sims. The motion was carried.

Bob McWilliams – KD5VAU