

Branch County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2008

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*The November meeting of the Branch County Amateur Radio Club was held in the training room at the Coldwater 911 Center. 21 members and guests were present. Dan Sprow, the President of the BCARC called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

*The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. This was followed by introductions around the room.

*Dan next informed the group of the happenings at the last meeting of the board. The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 2nd at Bob Evans.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI, gave this month's financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial report as read. The motion was approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

A copy of the October minutes was passed around for all interested parties to study. A motion was made to accept the October meeting minutes as published. The motion was approved by the majority.

EMERGENCY COORDINATORS REPORT:

*In Larry's absence, Andrew Glenn gave the EC report. Here are the highlights:

--This past month has been a quiet month as far as severe weather goes, and we were ready for that.

--Larry has been looking for a project for the Club to become involved in and has hit upon an idea. Every month the emergency sirens are activated in the city of Coldwater. At the current time, the Police and Fire departments have the task of checking the operation of the sirens around the city. Volunteers from the Club would take over the duty of going to assigned positions and verifying proper siren function. This would be a once a month event.

--Please check out the Club Website. Changes have been made.

--Severe weather training for next season is set for March 17th of 2009.

---And on a final note.....Happy Thanksgiving.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Arnie Hayward has been in contact with Gene Millers wife. Gene had a stroke a while back and has been at a rehab center in Ohio. Gene was due home the next day. Arnie will update us further at the next meeting.

*Tim Miner is still looking for more places to locate the portable severe weather radios.

*Andrew will be organizing an antenna party in the spring and will be looking for volunteers at that time to give a hand. Several will be needed to distract Andrew's Grandmother who so far is in the dark as to the goings-on.

REPEATER REPORT:

*Arnie had nothing new to report.

UPGRADES – NEW CALLS – NEW HAMS:

Jim Voss, formerly known as W8SST, has changed his identity to WV0SS.
Andrew Glenn also has a new call which is W8CSS.

NEW EQUIPMENT:

Steve Williams, N8CTI, picked up a "new for him" radio at the Fort Wayne hamfest. An Icom IC746.

Andrew picked up a low pass filter, yet untried, at the same hamfest.

DX:

* Paul Sygnecki had been having a good old time. Paul has worked Jamaica, Canary Island, France, South Africa, Colombia, and Costa Rica.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

To be announced.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange Dec 9th. 6:00 pm at the Coldwater 4h Cabin.
\$10 a head.

CLUB OFFICIALS ELECTIONS:

This being Club official election month, the floor was opened for nominations.

Open Offices for this year are: President, Secretary/Treasurer, a one year board member and a two year board member. Jim Voss, as the previous president, is ending his mandatory one year term and Arnie Hayward has one year left on his two year position. Bill Slade is also ending his one year term.

If the current president is not re-elected or does not run, he will automatically fill the one year slot and that position will not have to be voted on.

Nominations for the office of president were: Dan Sprow and Andrew Glenn. Since the outcome of this vote could have bearing on the board member election, it was carried out immediately. The person elected as president for the 2009 year was Andrew Glenn. That meant that Dan Sprow would automatically fill the one year board member slot so there would be no need to pursue that.

Next, nominations were taken for the two year board member slot.

The nominees were Jim Voss and Bill Slade.

The winner was Jim Voss, filling the two year spot.

Next up was the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

Bill Kubiak was the only nominee and nominations were quickly closed. We are fortunate that Bill is willing to serve another year.

The Officers of the club for 2009 are as follows:

President: Andrew Glenn.

Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Kubiak.

Outgoing president filling one year board member term: Dan Sprow.

New two year board position: Jim Voss.

Last year of two year board term: Arnie Hayward

PROGRAM OF THE EVENING:

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation after the exciting election

OTHER:

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Steve Williams. Steve and the Club split \$25.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI