

Branch County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2009

The November, 2009 meeting of the BCARC was held on Tuesday, November 17th in the basement training room of the Branch County Communications Building (911). The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Larry Camp, WB8R, in the absence of President Andrew Glenn, W8CSS. Larry led those assembled in the Pledge to the Flag.

No minutes were available from the October meeting.

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, Larry gave an interim financial report noting total assets of \$831.46. Of the total, the General Fund contained \$481.96, the Memorial Fund - \$39.50 and the Repeater Fund - \$310. The interim report was approved by voice vote. This appears to be the highest Club bank balance in recent memory.

Arnie Hayward, NS8T, gave the Repeater Report indicating some unknown problem with the two meter controller which seems to heal itself at times. Meanwhile, the 440 machine continues to work without problems.

Giving the EC Report, Larry announced that he and Brad McConn, K8BPD, would be attending a lunch in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, November 24th sponsored by the Michigan State Police. Otherwise, things have been very quiet in the county.

Under Old Business, Larry explained that the club intended to repay the funds donated to the Repeater Fund following a raffle in the spring. The raffle would have a cash prize of \$500 and the club intends to sell tickets at the Marshall Hamfest as well as locally.

Under New Business, it was announced that \$902 was raised at the Ft. Wayne Hamfest from the sale of equipment from Steve Williams, N8CTI's estate. The money was gratefully accepted by Carole, Steve's widow. The last large piece of gear to be sold is an Icom 746 which will be taken to the Marshall Hamfest if not sold before then.

The next BCARC Breakfast will be Saturday, Nov. 21st at Stoogie's Restaurant in Coldwater.

The Club will be celebrating its 50th birthday in 2010. Larry asked for volunteers to man a committee to plan special events for the occasion. Jim King volunteered to join the committee. It is expected that we will field a special events station with a certificate available and special QSL card. There may also be a special dinner and imprinted memorabilia.

The Club has been affiliated with the ARRL since 1961, consequently, we may have similar festivities in 2011 to celebrate that connection.

Jim Voss, WV0SS, led discussion of the 2009 Christmas party, specifically menu choices for the caterer. It was decided to keep the same menu as last year. The price was set at \$12 per person – the cost per meal being \$11 and an extra dollar for gratuity. The club will pick up the cost of the venue – the Creal Soccer Complex building. The gift exchange will follow the usual guidelines. The dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, December 1st with dinner served at 6:30 p.m..

There were no new calls, upgrades, equipment or DX worked.

Outgoing President, Andrew, W8CSS, notified the board that he will be unable to fulfill his one year term on the board as Immediate Past President in 2010. Therefore, the position will be filled by election from the membership.

It was determined that a quorum was present and the election of officers was held. Nominees were, Arnie Hayward, NS8T, and Bob Worley, KC8ZFK, for President; Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI, for Secretary/Treasurer and Jim King, KC8UGV, and Larry Camp, WB8R for Board Member. (The top vote recipient for Board Member will serve two years; the runner up will serve one year) The results were: Arnie Hayward, NS8T, President; Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI, Secretary/Treasurer; Jim King, KC8UGV, two year Trustee and Larry Camp, WB8R, one year Trustee. Jim Voss, WV0SS, will be the third Trustee, completing the second year of his two year term.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Following refreshments, Mike Jepson, KB8VUI, won \$7 in the 50/50 drawing.

A video presentation, "The Last Voice from Kuwait" was enjoyed by the group.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Voss, WV0SS, in the absence of Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI.