

**Branch County Amateur Radio Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 16th, 2009**  
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The June meeting of the Branch County Amateur Radio Club was held in the training room at the Coldwater 911 Center. 13 members and guests were present. Due to the absence of Andrew Glenn, Club President, Larry Camp volunteered to take on the evenings duties.

This past week saw the untimely passing of one of our own, Steve Williams, N8CTI. Steve was a longtime member and supporter of the Club and all who knew him will surely miss him. In Steve's honor, a moment of silence was observed.

Next, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

A copy of the April meeting minutes was made available and was examined by Phil Sattler, W8ARM. At a later time, it was voted that the minutes be approved as issued.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI, gave this month's financial report. The current balance was reported to be \$514.46. The report was accepted as presented.

**EMERGENCY COORDINATORS REPORT:**

Upon entering the room, one couldn't help notice the table piled high with ham radios and ham radio related equipment, including an HF radio, several 2 meter/440 radios, antennas, tuners, power supplies, headsets, rope, cable etc.

Larry, WB8R, informed the group that this equipment was bought by grant money from the Emergency Management Program use by our RACES program. This equipment will be used in the communications trailer, 911 Dispatch Center, and Coldwater Public Safety

building.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Several weeks ago, the Club made a donation to the PRB-1 initiative. Since that time we have received a note of thanks and recognition from the Michigan ARRL Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Field day will be the 27th and 28th of June.

The plan is to have the station on the lower level of the 911 Center operational along with a station in the Comm trailer.

Jim King is also planning on having a station at the fairgrounds using his pop-up camper

As stated elsewhere, there is a repeater fund taking shape.

There is also some thought being put into a Club raffle with the proceeds going towards a new repeater.

An opportunity is coming up for a one day licensing class to be scheduled near the end of July or the beginning of August.

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Tom Twite was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. \$11 was in the pot which was split between Tom and the Club

### **REPEATER REPORT:**

\*Arnie reported that the 2 meter repeater is having some difficulties. It is suggested that folks with the ability, use simplex 146.55, the primary backup frequency.

Arnie and Larry will look into the problem as time allows.

A fund has begun for the purchase of a new repeater. The one we are (not) using plus the backup are both very old and tired and have obvious problems.

As we have come to expect, the 440 repeater is still perking along doing a fine job.

### **UPGRADES – NEW CALLS – NEW HAMS:**

Aaron King recently received his new callsign, KD8LEK.

Aaron also won an MFJ radio at the Dayton Hamfest where he took and passed his Technician test.

### **NEW EQUIPMENT:**

See UPGRADES.

### **DX:**

Some folk are hearing some things. Could it be picking up?

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

July - Foxhunting. Your tips tricks and pointers.

August - Collaborative foxhunt.

September - Liars Club.

October - Dale Williams?

November - Club elections.

December - Annual Christmas gathering.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

Collaborative Foxhunt, Field Day, Liars Club, Club elections, Christmas get together.

### **PROGRAM OF THE EVENING:**

Cookies and Conversation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI