

# Branch County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Meeting Minutes February 16, 2010

The February meeting of the BCARC was called to order at 7:00 PM by the club President Arnie Hayward, NS8T. There were 18 members and guests present.

The group was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by President Hayward, followed by the members and guests introducing themselves. The minutes of the January meeting were offered to anyone who desired to read them prior to the vote to accept the minutes as written.

## Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by NS8T in absence of Treasurer Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI. Bill's report detailed that our balance as of February 16 was \$601.18. Since that report we incurred Debits of \$8.46 for coffee and cookies. We have received \$228.00 in dues and \$42.00 in miscellaneous receipts and \$25 in funds for our upcoming 1 day Technician Class. We had a total \$295.00 in additions.

We have \$513.22 in the general fund, \$39.50 in the memorial fund, 310.00 in the repeater fund, \$25.00 in the Tech Class fund for a total of \$887.72. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Nancy, KD8CYX and seconded by Jim, KD8UGV. The motion passed by voice vote.

## EC Report

Emergency Coordinator/Races Officer Larry, WB8R gave a brief summary of upcoming events such as Skywarn training on March 16 at the 911 Center. It was announced that Hillsdale County, St. Joseph County and Calhoun County would be holding Skywarn Training presented by NWS personnel. It was announced that IN/MI/OH (IMO Skywarn) would be holding a Quadrant 1 meeting in Angola on April 3.

## Repeater Report

NS8T reported that the 440 repeater was working very well with excellent coverage. The 2 Meter repeater is suffering from some intermod that seems to be most noticeable around dawn and during the evening.

WB8R gave an update on our scheduled fund raising Raffle. We are raising money to purchase a new repeater. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the license. As soon as we have the license, we will print the tickets and start selling.

## Website Report

KC8UGV reported that he has set up a BCARC Yahoo User's Group which is designed for those interested in what is happening in ham radio in Branch County to keep everybody informed. One important function is the ability to receive notifications of various activities that are planned.

## 1 Day Technician Class

NS8T gave a brief update on the Technician Class and VE Session scheduled for April 10.

## Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

NS8T discussed tentative plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was announced that July 17 was the date for our special event station.

## Old Business

No old business

## New Business

Jim, KCV8UGV solicited volunteers for the many things that the club does on an ongoing basis. An open invitation was made for anyone who would like to attend the Board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Bob Evans in Coldwater.

No upgrades or new hams. WD8MGF made note of noise on 75 meters in his area during the evening.

No DX, but some discussion of working around the state on 75M phone. WB8R gave a reminder of our April program which will feature Carl and Vicky from Ft. Wayne. Carl will be telling us all about Cycle 24, sunspots, and HF propagation.

Jim, WV0SS reminded the group that he is interested in any and all things for inclusion in our newsletter. Jim also mentioned that Ed Kirsch, W8SSH (previously from Batavia) recently became a silent key.

The meeting was adjourned and after coffee and cookies (including lemon), our guest for the evening Ken Bates, N8FNI from Portage who will discuss his experiences with radio controlled model gliders. Ken is an accomplished pilot with a number of national and international championships on his resume. Thanks to WD8MGF for sharing their friend with us.

Respectively submitted,

Larry Camp, WB8R in the absence of Bill, KB8VWI