

SPARK meeting minutes for August 15, 2017

The monthly regular meeting of the Scranton-Pocono Amateur Radio Klub held at the Lackawanna County Public Safety Center was called to order on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 7pm by President Scott Petty with the Pledge to the flag. The following members were in attendance: Heath Goldstein, K3HGG; Thomas Davis, N3XMB; Robert Schultz, KC3APR; Lee Romich, WA3LBR; Thomas Robinson, N3NM4; Harry Smith, KA31DX; Nicholas Shyshuk, N3GTH; Scott Petty, KA3QLF; John Walsh, N3URF; Ronald Lister, W3RAL; Ray Collins, WX3A. In the absent of the Recording Secretary, President Petty appointed Heath Goldstein as acting Secretary for recording tonight's meeting minutes.

This evening we had a guest speaker of Richard Barbolish, Lackawanna County EMA Director who spoke on what he was looking for from the club and its members in the event of an actual emergency Rich stated that in the event of an outage in communication if the club and its members would be able to respond and establish communications. Various questions were asked to and answered by Rich along with other various discussions. Rich said that he would like a list of contact information in the event assistance is needed. Rich also mentioned that the 911 Center is having hero's day on September 16th and that the club would be invited to participate. After the discussion by Rich was done, The Meeting minutes of the previous meeting held on July 18th was read and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Heath Goldstein presented the following treasurer's report. Balance in the Checking account \$531.27; Savings account \$5.01; Petty Cash \$115.25 for total Cash \$651.53. Income was \$100 for dues and presented a bill for \$293 for Yz payment on the liability insurance. Motion by Tom, Second by Lee to approved the treasurer's report and pay the bill. Motion Passed. Treasurer Goldstein mentioned that there are 19 members households who are past due and some since last year. List was turned over to the President.

VE Test Session. There were 3 tests that were proctored 2 became new hams and 1 failed.

Gear Status. President Petty mentioned that most items were moved from Walter's shed to Seaman's Airport. There is a very few items left at Walter's shed. Scott said that the hanger is starting to get real full and really need to go through everything and see what is worth keeping, and what we don't want to keep, what is sellable and what is trash.

Reports of Committees.

Nick for the repeater committee spoke about various items and interferences that he herd on the repeater since our last meeting and the various concerns with the new repeater. Discussion was brought up again about activating a PL tone. Pros and cons were discussed, along with past conversations and e-mails President Petty had with the repeater coordinator council. After much discussion and consideration, Motion by Heath, Second by Ray that our repeater activate a PL tone and get coordinated with the repeater council. Heath mentioned that a while back that it was passed and approved that the club apply for membership and a seat with the council, but that it didn't happen and that consideration be to move forward with that. Nick also said that the committee is also trying to figure out all the features that the repeater can do.

Education Committee. President Petty mentioned that Joe Paliski would like to chair the committee, Scott said that he sent him an e-mail that his dues are past due and that he should be current in his dues if he is going to chair a committee. Scott said he didn't hear back and that the chair may revert back to Walter.

(Old) New Business

Heath asked about the Holiday Dinner for December and the location if going to be the same as the last few years or try somewhere different. Scott said that he received no feedback and said he will send out another e-mail Ray said that he would like to put shelving in the hanger and made a motion, second by Ron Lister to spend up to \$100 to do so. Motion Passed.

President Petty mentioned that the PA QSO party is October 14th & 15th and said he would like the club to participate. Various discussion was held on possibly setting up at Seaman's airport as it is in both Lackawanna and Wyoming County. Matter was tabled till next meeting to which a decision will need to be made whether or not the club will or will not participate and if we do are we going to do both Lackawanna and Wyoming County, or just 1 county. President Petty mentioned about putting a membership roster together and forming a membership committee for recruitment and retention. Discussion was held in reference to Hero's Day that Rich Barbolish invited the club to participate, whether or not we wanted to set any thing up. Discussion was held on where we can set up as we prefer to be outside. Scott said he would contact Rich and let him know that we would be interested in participating so as long as we can be outside with our equipment, and will e-mail to let everyone know. There being no further business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm

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