

8/13/2024

The Martin County Amateur Radio Club met at 7pm at the Martin County EMA building. There were 11 people in attendance.

Reuben called the meeting to order since Cory was unable to attend.

Minutes from the 6/11/24 meeting were presented for approval. Nathan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. John made a second to the motion and all voted in favor.

Congratulations were given to Colonel on passing his general license test the previous weekend.

Old Business:

Cory sent an update that he is working on the EIN number application which will be needed before we can open a bank account for the club.

Loogootee repeater update- Reuben stated that he feels tuning the cans is the next logical step in troubleshooting the equipment. He will see if Jerry could do this and Reuben will take the cans to him whenever he is available. Andy reports he spoke with the Mayor about setting up a meeting to discuss our options in the current building at the city water tower. Several felt having our own shed that could be accessed when needed would be ideal but cost would be a big factor. The group held a discussion on the amount needed to fund upgrades to the equipment and possibly a shed. Once we have an EIN and our bylaws in place we can look into grant opportunities.

New Business:

The July scheduled club meeting was cancelled due to both Cory & Reuben being unable to attend. A discussion was held on how to handle future meetings in the event that the president and vice president were both unable to attend. Both Garry and Jay stated they feel we need to meet. If all officers are unable to attend it will be an informal meeting with no voting taking place. Garry made a motion to hold a scheduled meeting where both the president and vice were unable to attend and one of the board members (Melvin or Paul) could preside over the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Jay and all voted in favor. Julia will be unable to attend the next meeting but Andy has agreed to take the minutes.

We received our call sign right after the last meeting KE9AUN. Those in attendance agreed we should apply for a vanity call sign. Reuben suggested members come up with 5 suggestions of available call signs and it can be voted on at the next meeting.

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Reuben is sending a group email reminder for the weekly net and monthly meeting. Paul suggested adding an agenda or education topic to the email reminders about our upcoming meetings.

Paul suggested we try to organize a group of people and equipment to set up at community events such as local fairs and festivals to create interest in HAM radio use. Hindostain Days is scheduled for September 28th this year. It might be necessary to wait until next summer to allow time for planning.

Garry reports that net check-ins are going well with up to 15 check ins weekly. Alternating net control is working well with several members gaining experience as net control.

It was suggested that for our December meeting we go to a restaurant for a group Christmas party and bring a guest along. Andy made a motion to plan for a meal for our December meeting and a second was made by John. All voted in favor. A decision on where will be made at our September meeting so a reservation can be made.

Jay suggested carpooling to area ham fests. If anyone is interested in attending, please share with the group.

The next meeting of the Martin County Amateur Radio Club will be September 10th at 7:00 pm at the EMA Building. The Net will be held weekly on Thursday at 9pm.

With no other business to discuss, Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nathan made a second to the motion and all voted in favor.