

November 12, 2024

13 signed roster.

Minutes from last meeting Andy/John K. approved.

Election of new officers tonight at end of meeting

Grant submitted to community foundation. Reuban was "board member" to confirm grant is authorized for the club. Cory expects the grant if awarded to be available in January.

Total project cost is around \$50000, but grant request was for "Phase 1" to include 2 antennas, Honda Generator around \$1300. Grant described need based on experiences of N. Carolina hurricane. Price was directly from spreadsheet. Grant specified that the club board members are not paid.

A receipt book for club memberships and other income.

Julie sent text that she has contacted Crane and German Am about an account.

There was a question about amplifier installation for the repeater. Andy Ringwald advised the amplifier is at the repeater site but is waiting for new repeater arrival prior to being inserted in the system. Delivery of the repeater is still pending.

Rueben update on repeater committee discussions for a link between Shoals and Loogootee. Jerry's recommendations: Yaesu design is for internet linking which is not currently available at either site. Workarounds are not easy, and probably not legal. Rueban and Jerry P. presume the EMA should stay legal. Looking at an ARCOM repeater controllers and additional radios/antennas. Need ARCOM x2, radio x2, antenna x2, 220 or 440 (440 cheaper). Reuben reached out/filled web form to Indiana repeater coordinator. No word back yet. A bit more than \$2000 for pair of ARCOM/ Power supply/Radio (Kenwood). Ken ARCOM dealer, Telewave dealer. \$345? ARCOM. For more numbers, get from Reuben.

Discussed power needs for battery backup.

Discussed cost estimates and power needs for backup generator.

Grants submitted Nov 1 will be reviewed by the end of November. Award will be announced with amount by end of November

Sherrif wants to have a list of equipment to have a ham station in the security center. Rueben asked if a to go bag to take to various places might be more useful than a dedicated station at the security center. Discussion roamed far and wide. Will get a list for the Sherrif to consider if it is worth his trouble to purchase.

Social activity-

Ham radio T-Shirt available from the Shoals School, individual cost \$15, Club cost \$13, \$2 to the club treasury. Black heat transfer, variety of shirt colors.

Christmas dinner – get reservations in.

Club call sign on (something) is trustee, not club call. Reuben for now.

Thanks to Jerry to get repeater running. \$130 and a card.

Election of officers:

Cory warned he is not very available. Paul Mc. thought we should stick with the starting leadership for another year as the club gets settled. Paul/Colonel motioned, discussed, all in favor. Officers are Cory Brassine, President; Reuben Montgomery, Vice President; Julia Albright, Secretary/Treasurer; Paul McFeaters and Melvin Albright, Board Members.

Cory will put together a year in review.

Regarding dues, Reuben suggests there needs to be a good record of who has paid and how much as some may want to pay for more than one year at a time. Will there be a mechanism for electronic payments – Venmo or such. Will there be an option for lifetime membership?

Should the benefit of membership be access to web pages and email.

Discussed Facebook page and group. Currently owned by Jay Martin

Actions:

Need reminder to RSVP Christmas dinner attendees.

.. some other stuff...

Close meeting motioned: Paul Mc/John K., no discussion, all in favor.