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The Martin County Amateur Radio Club met at 7:30 pm at the Martin County EMA building. There were 13 people in attendance. Club president Cory Brassine called the meeting to order at 7:42.

Minutes from the November meeting weren't available so that was tabled until the next meeting. The December meeting was the club Christmas Party so there were no minutes taken.

Cory reported that the MCARC binder has been updated. He reminded members that all the paperwork and information for the club is kept in a folder in the EMA Director's office.

Cory reported that the club received a \$5,000 Community Foundation grant. There was discussion on how to best spend the funds since the amount is less than the full amount needed. Garry suggested the grant committee decide the most needed equipment and the cost. The grant was for equipment to link the Shoals and Loogootee repeaters. The grant committee consists of Melvin, John, Andy and Reuben. The quote from October was less than \$3,000 for the radios and controllers but didn't include the coax or antenna. We have a year to spend the grant funds but the group felt this needs to move forward as soon as possible. The committee will work on the equipment list and updated quote. John made a motion to move forward with the equipment purchase as soon as the updated quote is received. Jay made a second to the motion and all voted in favor. The committee will then look at additional necessary additional purchases to complete linking the repeaters with the remaining funds from the grant.

Julia reported that Crane Credit Union has a business account with no fees or minimum balance. Julia and Cory will open a bank account for the club next week.

A reminder that club dues are due by February. All in attendance paid their dues at the meeting. Reuben will send out a reminder to other club members. Those that have a Crane account will be able to transfer funds for dues to the club account as soon as it is opened.

Reuben brought up revising the net script due to many doubles on check-ins for the weekly net. The group discussed options for the net and it was decided to do a roll-call of the most active members and then ask for any other check-ins. Net control will still ask for short-time and mobile check-ins at the beginning of the net. This format will start on Thursday.

Cory is working on a first-year recap that can be shared on the website.

Garry shared the t-shirt design and order forms with the group. The Shoals School has a program that prints custom designs and will filling the orders. Reuben will post the order form on the website.

Reuben asked for a motion to apply for a linking frequency. Paul made a motion. John made a second to the motion. All voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Martin County Amateur Radio Club will be February 11th at 7:00 pm at the EMA Building. The Net will be held weekly on Thursday at 9pm on the Shoals repeater and 9:30 pm for the Loogootee repeater.

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