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The Martin County Amateur Radio Club met at 7:30 pm at the Martin County EMA building. There were 15 people in attendance. Club president Cory Brassine called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

Minutes from the November and January were presented for approval. Paul made a motion to approve the minutes. John made a 2nd to the motion and all voted in favor. The December meeting was the club Christmas Party so there were no minutes taken.

Cory reported that Crane Credit Union needs the club to apply for a business license or tax exempt status before we can open a business account. Cory is working on the tax exempt paperwork. The account will be opened as soon as the paperwork is complete.

Equipment update: the club received a \$5,000 Community Foundation grant. Andy reported he placed an order for the radios to link the Shoals and Loogootee repeaters. The coax and antenna will be purchased at a later date once the decision has been made as to where the antenna needs to go. Andy also submitted an application for a linking frequency.

Two additional members paid their dues at the meeting bringing the total to 17. There is a drop box outside the EMA office where mail can be left for the club.

Paul asked how the group thought the net changes were going? Several responded they thought it went much smoother since it has helped to eliminate doubles on check-ins for the weekly net. Feedback to net control has been positive as well.

Cory will send the first-year recap to Reuben to share on the club website.

Garry collected t-shirt order forms. The Shoals School will order the shirts and start on the order soon. Garry is also working on getting decals with the logo for those who are interested.

Garry spoke to the group about thinking ahead for future activities. June is Field Day, July is Catfish Festival and Hindostan days is in October. No specific plans were made at this meeting but it was suggested that field day might be held at West Boggs Park. Additional plans can be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Martin County Amateur Radio Club will be March 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. John made a second to the motion and all voted in favor.