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The Martin County Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 pm at the Martin County EMA building. There were 13 people in attendance. Paul McFeaters called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm for President Cory Brassine who was running late.

Minutes from the June meeting were presented for approval. Andy made a motion to approve the minutes. John made a 2nd to the motion and all voted in favor.

The treasurer's report is as follows: Julia received dues from 22 members and received a \$20 donation. There is \$460 to be deposited as soon as the bank account is opened. Cory reported he is still working on our application for an EIN number. Since Cory's address changed from the original application to the 2nd one, that got our application flagged. Cory thinks he has the corrected information updated and will have the number hopefully soon. Once that information is provided to the bank the account can be completed, Julia will make a deposit at that time. Garry made the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Melvin made a 2nd to the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the treasurer's report.

Paul gave an overview of Field Day which was June 28th & 29th. The Martin shelter house at the Martin State Forest cost was \$95. The donation jar contained \$80 toward the shelter house expense. Garry volunteered to pay the remaining \$25 as a donation. There were 6 licensed operators on air with 3 stations available and 5 unlicensed visitors. 2 of the visitors were very interested in getting their license. Jay and Max provided antennas. All who attended though it was a successful event. For the evening meal the group enjoyed a pitch-in meal and Jay grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Several guests attended and provided covered dishes for the meal. The group would like to thank Crystal, Mona and Barb for their help with food for the pitch-in. Paul reported there were 120 contacts made that day. Garry will total up our points and report back. Paul reported that the number of hits on our QZR.com was 66 after Field Day. Thanks to Andy, Garry, Jay and Paul for providing the antennas and equipment. It was reported that Jay's antennas worked very well for that location. Garry, Paul, Jay and Crystal stayed overnight to monitor the equipment. Paul said he was hoping Jay would be at the meeting so he could personally thank him for all of the work he put into equipment and food for the event. Paul will submit pictures of field day to publish on our website and in newspapers. The group felt an improvement for next year would be to have signage that identifies the club and directs people to the right shelter house. Overall, everyone felt this was a very successful event for our first Field Day.

Garry reports the next Ham breakfast will be July 12th because of the 4th of July holiday weekend. The breakfast will typically be held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 8:00 am at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant.

Garry suggested the club set up a booth at Hindostan Days October 4th from 10am to 4pm. The suggestion was to have a station set up with a battery unit since there isn't electricity there and to have a map of the United States so we could mark with pins the locations of people we make contact with. This map could be used at future events as well.

Garry shared information with the group on Winter Field Day January 24th and 25th. It was suggested that we reserve a shelter house with a fireplace if the group wishes to set up.

Discussion about a booth at the 4-H fair. Safety night is July 11th. Andy suggested the group could set up with the EMA that night. Andy will be involved with EMA activities that evening but may be able to take a station and battery set-up for other club members to man.

It has been decided that the testing date will be on the 3rd Saturday of the selected months. Exact dates are not available yet but once they are selected, Reuben will add that information to the website.

The equipment for the Loogootee repeater has all been received except coax and the Yagi antenna. The goal date for getting everything installed is July 31st. Nathan suggested a minimum order of 180 feet of coax. The additional items will be ordered ASAP. The group discussed the loss in DB if a lightening arrestor is added to the line. Nathan stated that if the tower takes a direct strike it probably won't matter but the group felt it would be a good idea to add one. Melvin researched the DB loss for adding one and it was a minimal loss. Cory needs to provide the Community Foundation with a report on how the funds were spent.

The tower package from Dubois County was awarded to Crawford County. They have no towers available at this time so it was very needed in that community.

Garry stated that he is still without an antenna and can't do his net control rotation at this time. Garry is next scheduled on July 31st and hopes to have the problem fixed by then. Chad is the net control this week.

The next meeting of the Martin County Amateur Radio Club will be August 12th 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. The next ham breakfast will be July 12th at 8:00 am at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant.

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