

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2008

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met June 3rd, 2008 at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. There were 13 members and 2 visitors present for a total attendance of 15.

Vice-President WA5LOC, Jerry, called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M.

Secretary/Treasurer N2JAS, Fred, read the March 4th, 2008 meeting minutes and treasurer report. A motion to accept the minutes and the treasurer report as read was made by K5BKT, Peg, seconded by K5EBI, Eldon, and vote passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. There was discussion concerning Field Day 2008 operations, call sign, equipment, set-up/tear-down times, manpower requirements, control operators, and media press releases. It was decided to operate at Mills Park, Bryant, AR as a 1A station category with call K5NE, with the option of operating class 2A if enough operators could be rounded up as FD weekend got closer. Operating class 2A would allow operating a GOTA station, but with the changes in the rules it will make it difficult for the BARS club to meet the criteria for operating a GOTA station.
2. There was a short discussion of possible charges for use of Mills Park. N5GMR, Jewell will check and report back if any charges are applicable.
3. WA5LOC Jerry, made the motion that the club would cover the cost of gasoline for the Porterfield's van emergency generator to power the field day operations. It was seconded by K5EBI Eldon, and the vote passed unanimously.
4. Additional comments and discussion was had concerning:

- 10 meter propagation with occasional openings, possibly from E-skip,
- L.B. Cebic was now a silent key
- There are now three Volunteer Examiners in the club, if needed could host a testing session. K5EBI Eldon will contact ARRL to get information and the requirements to set up a VE session.
- There was a short discussion about using the K5NE club call and 10-10 number during 10-10 contest events and if any dues needed to be paid to 1010 International.

A motion to adjourn was made by K5EBI Eldon, seconded by WB5ARI, Jackie, and carried unanimously, closing the meeting at 8:15 P.M.