

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2019

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met August 6, 2019 in the Gene Moss Building at Tyndall Park. There were 11 members and 4 visitors present.

President Mike, AF5CZ called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M., then had Secretary / Treasurer K5BKT Peg, read the June 4th meeting minutes and treasurer's report. A motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report was made by Bill, K5RAR and seconded by K5ALI, Alli. The motion passed.

Old Business:

A Field Day report was presented by WD5C, Larry. This is an unofficial report, reflecting what was submitted to the ARRL. There were a total of 839 sideband contacts made, including GOTA contacts. There were 72 CW contacts and 144 digital contacts completed. Total contact points were 1,275, doubled for 2,550. Add 1,650 bonus points and the grand total should be 4,200 points. Those points are better than the past 3 years that BARS was 1A, but far less than the last time BARS ran 2A back in 2000-2002. (2000 pts: 6,876; 2001 pts 5,046; 2002 pts 5,402)

N5TTI, Tom reported that the Department of Emergency Management, who provided the tent, generator and gasoline, thanked us for testing the above. They admitted a white tent would be better, and admitted the second air conditioner was not present. We are unsure if we can use the tent next year. Secretary Peg, K5BKT asked for the mailing address and names to send a thank you note from BARS, which she will do.

New Business:

K5RAR, Bill, asked about having the Board Meeting to propose a list of officers for 2020. He will take charge, make that meeting happen, and deliver that proposed list at the October meeting.

The Shreveport, LA hamfest is August 10th, the Mena hamfest is September 6 and 7.

Larry, WD5C made an announcement about the Baofang handy-talkies and that the last day to order them will be September 1st. After that, they can no longer be imported or sold in the US.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill, K5RAR, and seconded by N5TTI, Tom as well as half the people in the room. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.