

YCARS August Business Meeting Minutes (2018)

Meeting: Thurs. August 9th, 2018 - 7:30 PM, 23 were attendance.

Darcy Pach, KK4ONT, President of the club brought the meeting to order.

- There were no visitors
- Minutes were read by Brent – K4BSC and were approved by the members.
- Treasurer report was given by Steve Kelly – WB4QNI and were approved by the members.
- IRLP node was reported by Fred Thompson-KK4FT on 146.580 that might cause interference on our practice nets or emergency simplex net. John Gendron-KE4PLT didn't think it would be a problem with our operating so no action was taken to have the person change the frequency.
- Fred also noted he felt the 147.03 repeater was getting softer in volume. Shep-NU4S reported the antenna is on the south side of the ETV tower. John Gendron said he would reach out to SCHeart to investigate.
- Darcy reminded the members about a very important program meeting coming up on Oct 25 on handling and passing traffic on our nets. The presentation will be given by Steve Czaikowski, II-W3SPC. Darcy reported on experiences he has had on the value of passing messages on the ARRL NTS system during and before Hurricane Irma.
- John Gendron reported on progress of Hamfest preparations
 - He passed out sign-up sheets
 - He reported on many prizes provided by vendors to support our raffle and door prizes such as an Alpha Antenna setup, \$100 Gift Certificate from DX Engineering, and a radio from Buy2wayradios.
 - John said the club would have a table at Shelby to presale tickets and raffle tickets. Members would be allowed to participate in raffle tickets but not door prizes.
 - It was stressed that parking is becoming scarce and for members to park across the street near Dollar General.
 - John said a bake sale would also be done and coordinated by his wife.
 - Phillip volunteered to help with signage
- John Gendron reported on progress of setting up an ARES presence here in York County.
 - We would possibly have one net a week, 1 simplex net
 - Hillary volunteered to be his information officer.
 - Much work has been done to increase participation with the Red Cross, York County EOC and State EOC.
 - The next step is getting the hospital on board.
 - John encourage members to get training from online courses from FEMA and Homeland Security if possible.
 - Steve Czaikowski suggested we reach out to other clubs in the area and coordinate activities.
 - Darcy reminded us following the Piedmont Skywarn .230 repeater since we are heading into the hurricane season.
- Meeting was adjourned.