

PPRAA Business Meeting Minutes

12 April 2017



The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Raleigh Holcomb at the IHOP Restaurant on Stetson Hills near Powers Blvd. Approximately 30 members and guests were present.

Silent Key: Chuck Drake KCOMDZ

Treasurer's Report Jim Madsen reported that we had \$8425.07 in our bank accounts as of 12 April 2017.

Committee Reports

VP report - Mike Anderson presented Raleigh with a certificate for passing the Amateur Extra exam. He also presented Jim Bishop with a stuffed blue bunny to replace his missing one. Mike is still teaching classes for all three FCC exams. Joe is working on publicity for Field Day.

Megafest Report

Jim Rader - Saturday, July 9, at Lewis Palmer High School. Plenty of help will be needed. We will have the EL Paso County emergency communications van there. Scouts will provide refreshments.

ARES Report

John Bloodgood announced Skywarn training on April 1 was cancelled. It was rescheduled to April 22, 9AM, at El Paso County OEM. Will be providing support for the Falcon Fifty on the AFA. See ARES website for other events needing volunteers. EOSS launched six balloons last weekend. They need more APRS gateways for tracking purposes.

Field Day

John Bloodgood will loan us a canopy for FD. We may be able to obtain a tent from Dave's scout troop for FD. Mike A is planning a variety of activities for the event. We will have HF CW, SSB, and digital stations, plus a GOTA station.

Club Station

Support pole for folded dipole has broken. Ed thinks he can fix it. Some additional work is needed to install the satellite antenna system prior to Field Day.

Virgil - going to a Kansas ham get-together event in Tribune, KS

John B - World Amateur Radio Day is April 18.

Jim Rader - encourages use of our KS gift cards. We are close to the next payout level.

Program

Ray Uberecken AA0L gave a presentation on his views on the Amateur Radio hobby and an explanation of baluns and their applications.

Upcoming Events

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Respectfully submitted,
John Wishart NGØI
PPRAA Secretary
23 April 2017