

**The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
Minutes of April 2010 meeting (Approved)**

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, April 15, 2010, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance:

Mike:KD5OFF, Bill:K5ECI, Tim:KD5KTB, Dan:KE5PQY, Dave:AD8B, Ron:WD5HUT, Dave:KC5SII, Parker:KE5R XR, Sam:KD5EUS, Bill:KC5OKG, Al:KD5BA, Jess:KA5HYK, Richard:K6GLA, Christine:KF5CJZ, Brian:KF5BYO, Liam & Emily

Call to order:

Mike:KD5OFF called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

It was M/S/C to approve the minutes of the March 2010 meeting as posted on the club web site.

Treasurer's report:

Bill:K5ECI reported that the club bank account balances are in the black. The coming liabilities are for insurance and hall rental for the 2011 hamfest. A printed report was provided to the club secretary.

A donation was received as a memorial for John Turner and acknowledged.

Repeater report:

No report this month.

ECF Committee:

No report this month.

ARES:

There was no meeting this month.

Radioactivity Night:

This month's meeting will be postponed one week to the 5th Thursday. All are invited to attend.

Hamfest Committee:

Bill:K5ECI reported that the committee recommends we do not set up a separate account for the hamfest. Rather hamfest funds can easily be tracked with our two existing accounts. The club has already received a \$100 anonymous donation for the hamfest fund.

Mike:KD5OFF reported that the committee is creating a list of project costs for the hamfest.

Red Dirt BBQ:

Al:KD5BA reminded us that the Red Dirt BBQ will be held tomorrow. There was an excellent turnout today for the orientation walk-around. Contestants will begin to arrive around 7:00 AM. They must first check in before setting up. Volunteers should plan for wet weather. There will still likely be a fireworks display. The display area, just west of the bank, is an area of concern. We need to cut off parking in that area around 4 PM and make sure people parking there before then know they need to move their cars before the fireworks display. Barricades will be placed in the area for our use. The bank

drive in will be kept open. Three shifts are needed: 7 to noon, noon to 5, and 5 through the fireworks. The largest crew will be needed after 8 PM to secure the fireworks display area. During the day FRS radios will be used on channel 10. When we begin preparing for the fireworks display we will switch to two meters using the 375 repeater.

Tickets are available to volunteers for the BBQ dinner on Saturday at the Mark Price Arena between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Other coming events:

AI:KD5BA noted these additional future events.

April 24 - March of Dimes Walk

We will use the 375 repeater.

Check in with AI at 9:30 AM. March kicks off at 10 AM.

May 1 - Tri-State Parade

Meet at 9:00 AM at the First Presbyterian parking lot

Tim:KD5KTB requested volunteers for April 22 and 23 to monitor parking areas

for the regional assembly being hosted at Central Christian Church -

Disciples of Christ. Volunteers are needed between 6:00 PM and 9:30 PM.

Bring flashlights and dress for the weather. Check in with Tim.

New business:

No new business.

Anonymous letters:

Mike:KD5OFF reported that two more anonymous letters using the club callsign and Dean's address were received by area hams. They were similar to the letter reported on last month. Other letters may have been sent. The club board of directors will discuss the possibility of pursuing this as a mail fraud issue.

M/S/C to adjourn at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave:AD8B, club secretary.