

The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING
November 17, 2016 (ARCLight-20161117.pdf)
Salvation Army Chapel, Fellowship Hall, Enid, OK

NOTE: THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT PENDING ADOPTION BY MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLUB.

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, November 17, 2016, in the Salvation Army Chapel, Fellowship Hall, 220 West Pine Avenue, Enid, OK.

Attendance: R. Clinton/WD5HUT, S. Cotter/KD5EUS, A. Fox/KD5BA, O. Haines/KF5IXX, M. Holloway/N5GEX, B. Keck/K5ECI, D. Locke/KC5SII, M. Loomis/N5KFN, R. Murrow/AE5WA, A. Nease/KG5BZS, B. Nokes/W5EIY, D. Plank/KE5PQY, K. Robinson/KG5IQZ, V. Sanders/KF5CUR, C. Sauls/WA5RZJ, J. Scouten/KG5CWV, R. Summers/KF5KGJ, B. Wehling/KC5OKG, K. Whites/KD5ONG. Guests: T.Morrison/KG5JCM (Salvation Army).

M.Holloway/N5GEX, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by R.Murrow, seconded by S.Cotter [CARRIED, unanimous] to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed and as posted to the EARC website (ARCLight-20161020.pdf).

Motion by R.Murrow, seconded by A.Fox [CARRIED, unanimous] to approve the Treasurer's report as distributed, showing that, with all outstanding bills reconciled, the Club has positive checking and savings account balances at SNB as of this meeting date.

B.Keck also provided a detailed account of the 2016 Enid HamFest gross income, expenses and net proceeds.

Also, he emphasized the importance of maintaining at least 50% ARRL membership among EARC membership, noting that the Club's status as an affiliated club and its eligibility of ARRL insurance coverage, as well as Field Day and Hamfest support.

Member welfare. Ongoing concern for D.Posey/KC5QVS, recovering from complications of knee surgery, and for Dr. Ed (Abbo) Abernethy/WA5OUO.

Correspondence:

1) Notice from ARRL Insurance Team that Risk Strategies policy number RSC7147 (Equipment coverage) will be due 15 Jan 2017.

2) Inquiry from the family (Sandra Jennings) of an area SK regarding the Club's interest in a Heathkit DX-100 transmitter.

Upcoming Events:

1) Circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with parade line-up and fireworks launch area security for the "Light Up The Plains" event, Friday evening, November 25th.

2) Circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteer bell-ringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. T.Morrison/KG5JCM is contact.

Committees, Assignments and Projects:

1) B.Nokes and B.Keck will submit an inventory of Club radio gear and related equipment to the EARC Board of Directors prior to their next meeting.

New Business:

1) Election of 2017 Club Officers

M.Holloway, on recommendation from A.Fox and the Nominating Committee, moved that the following candidates be elected to 2017 offices:

Vernon Sanders/KF5CUR, President

James Scouten/KG5CWV, Vice-President

Bill Keck/K5ECI, Secretary-Treasurer

Al Fox/KD5BA, EARC Board Member (2021)

[MOTION CARRIED, unanimous.] The 2017 officers will be installed at a brief meeting held as part of the December Christmas gathering.

2) The December gathering will be a potluck meal, including meat furnished through the generosity of M.Holloway. The event will be held at the Salvation Army Fellowship Hall, Saturday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.

3) R.Murrow briefed the Club on planning and progress toward an EARC station at the MERC/LifeEMS facility. Topics included repeater/antenna installation on existing tower and site security requirements.

4) Central Christian Church is still a viable site for a second EARC station, to be designated the Gene Brintnall/N5SPY Memorial Station. Plans include installation of the Kenwood TS-570D, a VHF/UHF rig, and accessories in a secured area; and to use a wire antenna atop the church building.

5) A third EARC station is under consideration at the Salvation Army, using a tower and secured operating space available there, and keeping the ECF Go Kit (IC-718 HF transceiver and FT 2800 VHF receiver) at this site.

Motion by R.Clinton, seconded by D.Plank [CARRIED, unanimous] to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Keck/K5ECI [for Bill Nokes/W5EIIY, Club Secretary]