

**The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
MINUTES OF AUGUST 2018 MEETING
August 16, 2018 (ARCLight-20180816.pdf)**

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

The Enid Amateur Radio Club held the August monthly meeting Thursday evening, August 16, 2018, in the Salvation Army Fellowship Hall, 220 W. Pine Avenue, Enid, OK.

MEMBERS and guests present: S. COTTER/KD5EUS, MURROW/K5AO, J. SCOUTEN/KG5CWV, D. PLANK/KE5PQY, A. FOX/KD5BA, SUMMER/KF5KGJ, F. CROUCHER/KG5BZR, B. KECK/K5ECI, B. NOKES/W5EII, D. LOCKE/KC5SII, C. Conrady/KI5BGI

J. Scouten, Club President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m..

Health and Welfare--

J. Scouten asked for Health and Welfare concerns. Ms. Scouten, Katheryn Huggins and Ken Robinson were mentioned.

Minutes of previous meeting--

- Motion by A. Fox second by B. Nokes [CARRIED, unanimous] to accept the minutes of the March meeting as distributed and as posted to the EARC website. (ARCLight-20180719.pdf).

Treasurer's Report--

Club Treasurer advised financial status.

- Motion by S. Cotter second by B. Nokes [CARRIED, unanimous] to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business--

Other 145.29 news

On 6 August 2018, R. Murrow proposed EARC purchase new hard line at the cost of \$1,500.00 in to be provided and installed by Goltry Tower Service when they install the EARC antenna on the Pioneer Tower east of Goltry. The hard line cost of \$1,500.00 was in addition to the labor cost of \$2,500.00 and materials cost of \$500.00 for a total installed cost of \$4,500.00 to get 145.290 back on the air. An E-mail was sent to members who have provided E-mail addresses and in addition members with known phone numbers were called and or texted with the proposal and asked to respond "Yes" in favor of the additional expense for the hard line or "No" if opposed to the extra hard line expense. Twelve members were E-mailed, five were texted (three of these were also E-mailed) and two were phoned. Of the sixteen receiving e-mail, text or phone calls the responses were nine "Yes", four "No" and three no response. Based on the result Goltry Tower Service was contacted and asked to provide and install the new hardline.

On 7 August 2018 the agreement with Cellular Network Partnership (Pioneer) was received and signed by the EARC President, J. Scouten/KG5CWV and then driven back to Kingfisher that day. On 8 August 2018 the agreement was signed by Cellular Network Partnership (Pioneer) Mr. Richard Ruhl, General Manager and E-mailed to the EARC Secretary. On 9 August 2018 the signed agreement was received in hard copy by EARC Secretary.

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Pioneer will be coordinating the tower climb. It is anticipated the climb will occur the week of 13 August 2018 weather permitting. The forecast for most of the week is rain so it may have to be done the following week.

147.150 Repeater Update--

On 4 August 2018 D. Locke/KC5SII, B. Keck/K5ECI, B. Nokes/W5EIY, M. Loomis/N5KFN, J. Scouten/KG5CWV, R. Murrow/K5AO, D. Posey/KC5QVS and Guests O. Haines/KF5IXX, C. Conrady/KI5BGI met at Wheat Capital Communications and stood up the EARC 60' tower, 147.150 antenna, 70cm Yagi, 70cm link transceiver and repeater. The link in this setup is connected to the National Weather Service network and can be used by trained storm watchers with amateur licenses. Local traffic should be minimized during inclement weather episodes. Also listen for traffic that may be originating on the 70cm link side of the repeater. Keep conversations short especially during periods of inclement weather. As of 13 August 2018 the repeater and link were functioning as they should.

New Business--

Tour De Trikes will not be held this year but instead will be an offroad event in October. No date available at this time. With it being offroad no EARC assistance is anticipated.

The details of Enid Hamfest entry prices, table prices and door prizes were discussed at length with no formal decisions made.

D. Locke advised the Club of a potential available for Club funding from Visit Enid. The Club was unanimously in favor of pursuing this opportunity and Dave indicated he would get the application and would need assistance with Club specifics and attendance numbers from prior years.

Adjournment--

Motion by S. Cotter seconded by B. Nokes [CARRIED, unanimous] to adjourn at 7:53 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Murrow/K5AO, EARC Secretary