



NORTH AUGUSTA BELVEDERE RADIO CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Dave WB5NHL, in the absence of President Greg Godsey.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ALBERT KM4MMT

Secretary Albert KM4MMT stated July's report had been distributed with the July meeting notice, and was accepted without comment. It was stated that all NABRC Club events should be reflected in the NABRC minutes for insurance purposes. A verification of the last month's list of events was requested, and the comment was made that any new event could be added at any regularly-scheduled meeting. July's report was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – DAVE WB5NHL

Treasurer report was approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB REPORT – KENT KQ4KK

Kent KQ4KK said the school year starts in late August. The previously requested lockable supply cabinet has not yet been procured. Schofield has several radios, of which Kent KQ4KK and Dave WB5HNL would like to sell to get an Icom 7300, which has a waterfall display. It appears that, pending the immediate sale of the Icom IC-7200 for \$700, \$1,580 collected will be sufficient for purchase of an Icom IC-7300.

The sold, or pending, equipment includes:

- AH-4 Icom tuner
- Mark 2J UHV/VHF \$500
- Icom IC-7200 (Sale pending - \$700)
- High Sierra coil and motor \$50

- TS-440 radio (no nibbles yet, but hope for \$400)
D-104 tuner
- Hallicrafters 838C
- Antenna
- Vertex 150 for \$55

These sales should produce a sufficient \$1,580 for the purchase of the IC-7300.
Note: The monies from this sale are separate from NABRC club funds.

FIELD DAY REPORT

Kevin KJ4IVJ reported on Field Day that was held on June 25 and 26 on the grounds of the new Aiken administrative building. The Club results are: 8,100 points + 1,093 for CW, and 156 for Digital points, meaning K4NAB the first in points in South Carolina, #3 in region 5A, and #11 in all of the Roanoke division. These reports are NOT FINAL until they show up in QSP in November.

VISITORS

For the benefit of our visitors Barry AB4BF and James KM4TWA, the members announced themselves.

PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT

NABRC members will assist as monitors in the AIKEN-TO-RIDE bicycling event on September 11, after Labor Day.

Augusta Hamfest is on September 17. It will be in Liberty Park in Grovetown.

The USCA SEED event is on Saturday, October 11, from 11:00 to 15:00. Although there is a sufficiency of volunteers, more will be welcome.

REPEATER REPORT

Kent KQ4KK reported on the status of the new Beech Island D-STAR repeater, saying it will not be operational until perhaps October, as another antenna must be installed. The Augusta club has placed a new repeater in service, for better coverage in the Thurmond Lake area.

The Aiken D-STAR repeater now works well. Kevin KJ4IVJ loaned the UHF module that will eventually go to Beach Island.

ELMER AWARD

In recognition of his very significant effort, boundless energy, and promotion of Amateur Radio to the young students at the Schoefield school, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized KENT HUFFORD KQ4KK the ELMER AWARD. NABRC presented the framed award to Kent in appreciation of helping new entrants into amateur radio for the last 7 years to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Schoefield school.

ARRL UPDATE

Dr. Jim N2ZZ gave an update on the actions of the ARRL in trying to get through the US congress a bill permitting HAM antennas to be placed in restricted subdivisions, and about an issue with the legal definition of SYMBOL RATE in the US Code.

PRESENTATION: HAMFEST SURVIVAL KIT

Carl KP2L, along with Dave and Kent, presented what every ham should have in a simple, lightweight bag when attending a Hamfest, or other ham event. The following is a list of items that will alleviate the unexpected:

1. Pre-coordinate simplex frequencies with others beforehand
2. A PRE-CHARGED smartphone, with manuals downloaded
3. A portable source of POWER
4. Dummy load
5. 5 volt battery pack
6. Fuses
7. Pliers and wire strippers
8. Adapters for connection of dissimilar connectors
9. Power pole LED power polarity checker
10. Roll-up J-pole antenna
11. T-connectors
12. Computer cords
13. USB connectors and cords – several types
14. Every type of SCREW – kits can be had from Depot
15. Jumpers

16. Multi-meter
17. Tape measure
18. QSL / business card
19. Power cords
20. LeatherMan Multi-tool

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016, in North Augusta Public Safety Station #2 on the Five Notch road at 7:00, with the meeting starting at 7:30.

END OF MEETING

Dave WB5NHL made a motion to adjourn, passed by acclamation.