NEMOARC MINUTES

February 9, 2020

Meeting called to order at 1330 hours by President Alex Fleak

17 members and guests in attendance

Printed copies of January minutes passed out and read by all. No corrections noted and motion by Kerry to approve as printed. Second by Dave - Motion carried

Printed copy of Treasure report passed out - question on no repeater fund amount. Treasurer Don stated that it was not tracked separately and was part of general fund. Motion by Paul and second by Dave to approve - motion passed

Old Business

440 repeater - Ant location - no update from Truman - Don will check up on latest. - Crystal and alignment - after some discussion, it was decided to not update and repair old repeater due to cost and age of equipment - new repeater - Ron is currenlty pursuing a grant from DHS to purchase a new repeater - The older 2 meter and 440 meter repeaters are to be listed on Larry List - The new hardline for the current 2 meter repeater is ready for install and only waiting on warmer weather.

Alex gave the results on using a gobox with a RPI computer. There will be a demo at the March meeting of said gobox.

Field Day 2020

  Truman location not locked in - Park location on hold till Truman finalized or not

  Dave & Kathy house is always available

APRS iGate at KTVO site - cost about $160 for hardware - AB0DK to provide a radio - KTVO is providing an ethernet connection.

  APRS is Automatic Packet Reporting System. In general it allows tracking of a station, usually mobile in a vehicle. Can also be used to send text messages.

AJ0HN reworked the club roster and handed out copies for all

Our own JS8 net - several folks interested - it was decided to hold a net on the 3rd Sunday @ 1400 hrs.

Announcemnts - AB0DK is conducting several kinds of classes.

  Tech class on Mar 28 - General on both April 4 and 11

  All 3 classes are all day classes and you will be able to test at end of class

CW Net 7 PM on every sunday on 146.580

John has 4 tshirts available to purchase

Jim Warner from Exline, IA, is willing to donate a useable service monitor. Jim also donated the 2 older repeaters mentioned above. After some discussion, it was motioned that he be made a lifetime member of the club. Motion by Kerry and second by Mel. Motion carried.

Demos

Alex brought in a portable computer made with an rpi computer

Paul ke0pmr brought in his crossbow, which can be handy to get an antenna line over a tall tree. The MTECH brand is about $25 or so on ebay. On a separate not he also asked for help on getting his dad's old CB radio repaired. Not much help was given.

Tom brought in a wind gust machine and handed out at least 1 to anyone willing to take it.

Dave ateempted to do a winlink net connect, but weak signal stopped him.

Motion to adjourn by Kerry at 1415 with a second by Dave. Motion passed.