

## NEMOARC Meeting Minutes

10 May 2020

This meeting was held on the air using the W0CBL repeater as a radio net. This was due to the ongoing Covid-19 health threat and the need to keep everyone apart and safe.

Meeting called to order at 1330 hours by President Alex Fleak

18 members checked in to the net.

There were no recorded minutes for the April meeting.

The May treasury report was emailed out by Treasurer Don. There were no comments, so it goes in to the records as emailed.

### Old Business --

2 M repeater upgrades - Dave reports that a different tower climbing company has been contacted and they will honor their original bid. This company \_\_\_\_\_ indicated that the work will be completed in the July-August time frame. Further info on exact date is forthcoming. It should also be noted here that the KTVO site is closed to all but KTVO personnel for all purposes. Also note the tower company is going up the tower to replace the hard line from the repeater to the antenna at top.

It was talked about that a second antenna in the \$200 price range be purchased and connected to the old hard line. This ant will end up feeding an APRS station to be located next to the repeater and use the network line provided by KTVO to send APRS data to the internet.

Field day - Don is of the opinion that Truman may cancel our reservation, due to the Covid-19 crisis. Kathy suggested their patio was still available. Someone else asked about going to the park, but it may be too late to get a reservation. A couple others suggested a private station on their own property and tying everyone results together. That is being looked into. For now, field day location and everything is tabled till June meeting. Further info may come out by email before then or on one of the nets.

Annual Adair flu clinic. It is still on, but information is scarce at this time. Please keep your calendar open for first part of October.

### New Business --

Remote ham license testing - A number of clubs have put something together utilizing TV cameras and the US Mail to deliver test material. Our own local test monitors are talking and will have something on this by the June meeting. Another method was to find a large room and utilize it with proper spacing of everyone.

Dave is looking in to remote teaching of new classes and Don has some ideas on how to do that, based on Truman remote teaching. More info to be presented in June meeting.

The manufacturer of our repeater has some firmware upgrades that can be done on the repeater. This will help with some of the reliability and availability of the system. This is of course on hold till lockdown issues go away. Patrick also has the new ID'er ready, but can't plug it in at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Chuck at 1413 with a second by Dave. Motion passed.

Repeater returned to normal use.

Note: Patrick is looking for an old GE MVS radio that you may have collecting dust.