

Minutes of the Sevier Amateur Radio Club meeting held on Thursday March 7, 2019.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Vearl Christiansen
Terry Phillips
Christie Gordon
Vicky Phillips
Brady Gordon
Barry Bradley
Jim Weeks
Jeannie Dimick
Del Dimick
Dennis Cupp
Phillip Cahill
Charles Rich
George Jensen
Keith Cartwright
Rich Ryan
Gary Reid
Pat Meanea
Dean Balaszi
Susan Nelson
Tan Sitthichai

There were several visitors from the Manti and Gunnison area that were affiliated with the Skyline club.

Schedule:

The great Utah Shakeout will be on April 21, 2019 club members are encouraged to register and take part in the earthquake drill.

Our field day will be June 22, 2019 most members prefer to hold our own field day, rather than to hold it with another club.

The next club meeting will be May 2, 2019.

The next training meeting will be April 4, 2019, Scott Brady is checking with Snow College to see what they have in regard to amateur radio training.

Old business:

Scott has been working on the web hosting issue. The people that have been hosting it up to now have upgraded their equipment to provide better service

and are still willing to host it for free, therefore we are going to continue as is for the present time.

DTMF is a system that can be used to activate a radio in case of an emergency while allowing the radio not to hear other traffic while turned on.

Our account as of January had a balance of \$2280, most of which came from money Scott and Steve donated from testing. There have been some expenditures such as the post office box fees that have been paid since then.

The node replacement has been put on hold for now. Maintenance on the 64 repeater will be done by Jeff Nielsen as soon as weather will permit.

We would like to encourage new hams to check in on the net. It was suggested that new ham be allowed to check in first however it was pointed out by a recently licensed ham that new hams may be reluctant to check in first.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved by the members that were present.

New business.

Dennis proposed that we donate money to the Skyline club to help pay for maintenance of their repeaters. Members of the Skyline club that were in attendance said they had plenty of funds to take care of maintenance of their equipment, but they were appreciative of the sentiment.

There was a discussion about the net preamble and the call for emergency power users to call in first. It was decided that there would be no mention of emergency power and that the net preamble was a fluid thing that can be changed from time to time without a membership vote. George will prepare a revision to the preamble.

Barry Bradley and Omar Issa have installed a repeater on the 448.575 frequency with PL tone of 131.8. This is an open repeater and is available for anyone to use. Barry invited the club to use the new repeater for the club net.

Barry has a group that is interested in ham training and inquired about training material. We informed him of the material on the club web site we also referred him to Scott.

Del asked for 4 volunteers to help with the Utah shakeout.

Del suggested that we should consider getting involved in the CERT program. The program has a training program for volunteers. Ham operators can participate in the program without attending the training if they are involved as radio operators.

The Sherriff's Department has purchased a ham radio for every community in the county. Amateur radio operators are needed to help train people under the direction of the Sherriff to help train people to use this equipment. The Sherriff would like to have this equipment in place by the shakeout.

It was suggested that we send a letter to every licensed amateur radio operator in the county and invite them to join the Sevier Amateur Radio Club, but there are 209 licensed hams in Sevier County, it would prohibitively expensive to send a letter to everyone.

The IRLP note will be turned off during the net.