

27 May 2015

Treasurers report and prior minutes were read and approved.
Current balance \$3057.65 which includes \$110.12 in deposits.

POWER POLE CONNECTORS

Tom S. indicated that the Power Pole connectors were purchased and received. Tom made them available to anyone that is interested in purchasing them. See Elizabeth KK7VO for purchase.

Tom suggested that we have a training activity to show how to properly assemble and use them. He and Elizabeth plan to do this as an education event at Field Day, which will count toward our points.

FIELD DAY

Tom gave a report. He, Jim, and Austin have walked the site and they have a good idea of where the setup will take place, which will begin on Friday afternoon at 1:00... all help is welcome and encouraged. He doesn't want to leave out any high-value equipment and someone will stay overnight Friday. Saturday morning he would like to begin around 8:00 and be on-air at 11:00.

The ARES group will also have a setup with radio. Jim talked about the Whitman County Emergency Management trailer, which will be available. He also plans to have the WSU fuel cell available. We plan to have two stations in the trailer, one station in the ARES area; and a GOTA station. Roger offered to bring a solar array to help charge the 12 Volt system. A single porta-potty is available for our use at the soccer fields. Tom plans to bring the food for lunch and Austin will bring the BBQ. All hand are invited to bring something to share.

There is still concern about publicity. Roger indicated that he would try to do get some publicity out prior to the event. Tom indicated that he would make the Field Day guidelines available for Roger.

Discussed the computers that were purchased for the Field Day and club. Jim indicated that he was not planning to purchase 12 Volt power converters. He also had concerns over the way that funds were approved, voted on, and if reimbursement would actually be made. This was because of a proposed vote for further approval when the DC converters were proposed. If the WSU Ham club is able to finish their converters, then we won't need to purchase them. We do have AC converters available for each computer. This may influence our points for the Field Day since the computers and radios need to all be operating off of DC in order to get maximum points. Bob I. offered to purchase them and asked that he be emailed to he and Jim for confirmation.

Tom indicated that he had recovered all of the club's equipment that Ken Johnson had prior to his passing away recently. Tom indicated that he has a lot of cable, extension cords, and other support equipment. Also discussed the placement of trailers etc. around the soccer field. Tom is going to check on the sprinkler schedule as well. The plan is to leave trailer up above the field. We also have received permission to camp overnight for the operation.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill discussed ideas for antenna builds. In particular, directional antennas would be helpful for tracking noise sources and recommended designs that Ken has used.

Next meeting will be just a few days before the Field Day and will be used to make final preparations for Field Day.

PRESENTATION

Jim K. (K7LL) gave a presentation on FDLOG which is written in Python and works on just about every computer system. It is specifically designed to work for field days applications. This is not a client/server design, rather it uses a shared database that is synced over a network. Jim reviewed the operation of the software.

This software is very helpful in both logging contacts and permits other networked stations to see if a station has already been contacted. At the end of Field Day, the software can generate a aggregate report that can be submitted to the ARRL.

Meeting concluded at about 8:45 PM