

InterCity Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2021

I. Call to order

Duane Meadows-K8MDA, President called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. local time.

II. Roll call

Introductions of club members and/or guests.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to Approve – KE8HLN - Norm

Second – W8DLB - Danny

Corrections were made to February minutes.

Financial Report – Harry Mains, N8XMI

29 members in club.

Motion to Approve – W8DLB - Danny

Second – KD8MGB – Katie

IV. Committee Reviews

Health and Welfare

No update

Education

No report

PIO

Dan – AB8SI

Read an article on the Texas Winter Storm – Reported that ARES/Red Cross assisted.

Read an article by NASA on Solar Cycle 25

Winlink – Duane – K8MDA reported Winlink is becoming popular if we're going to work with public agencies.

ARES

Danny, W8DLB

Reported that International DX Contest– Phone mode to take place 7p Friday until Sunday night

April – NVIS – Want group to pass radiogram to neighboring coordinator (DEC's)

ARES Connect – No longer in June

Discussion about Winlink – Building the network back up again

Lot of ARES groups are quitting and creating EMCOMM groups-Medina has started creating their group. Different groups breaking away and going on their own.

Skywarn – Get on Cleveland's website- look up training classes – can take classes online – Registration required – Cancelled class on 3/30 due to COVID and most are taking classes online. April – classes will also be on YouTube but no certificates available using this format.

NWS – Spent \$6000 on radio equipment – will have ham radio equipment, DMR, and 6 meter backbone still there but DMR will be taking over. Talkgroup 313932

Duane K8MDA – Brief discussion on Skywarn and knowing what to report and what not to report advantage of taking online class. Will be discussing Skywarn reporting at District 6 ARES group at Denny's.

Next Thursday, 313920 8:00 p.m. District 6 Net only – Gives a chance for people to test equipment and leave comments/ask questions. Local repeater discussion – Brandmeister – single network.

Tech Report

Dave Weigold – N8DPW – not present

Duane K8MDA – Radio Station tower can remain up into the foreseeable future and

ARRL

No Report

V. Old Business

Statewide DMR net cancelled – Duane was running $\frac{3}{4}$ of the net. No one volunteered.

Issues with people hearing each other statewide.

VI. New Business

John Ness – K8NJ – Board Member

Election coming up – June

Danny – suggest bypassing by-laws to keep from putting someone in, 2 + year term in June.

Motion to accept bypassing by-laws

Danny – W8DLB

John – 2nd – KD8WPE

Trunkfest Discussion -How big of space are we going to have? (Danny's number 1 question from people) – Have to try to make \$500.00 to give fairboard back. Come in from East parking lot. We can control everyone setting up and coming in. 3 spots in front of grand stand – underneath grand stand – Set up vehicle – 8ft table – should be efficient. Suggestion to measure parking area in a lot.

Danny – W8DLB – Club has always had a ham of the year banquet. Considerations being made for an annual banquet and a potluck at Richland Rural Life Center. Danny asked for suggestions from members and input regarding an annual banquet.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – John - KD8WPE

Second – Danny – W8DLB

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Taylor, N8QKE