

Park Minutes 1/8/24

Meeting called to order at the Western Sizzlin steakhouse on January 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Introductions were made by 25 members and guess.

Treasures report was given by Jane H, We had a beginning balance of \$3708. And to that balance was added \$468 in dues \$66 in raffle money and \$465 in T-shirt money. For an ending balance of \$4695. Motion to approve the Treasures report was moved by Ray and seconded by Rick, approved as read.

The 50-50 raffle was won by Denny for a total of \$23.

Minutes of the December meeting were read by Mary W. Motion to approve was made by Earl and seconded by Bill, and approved as read.

Old Business:

Larry discussed parks on the air (POTA) activation in the area. He said a few members of the Park club have activated various parks around the area. if you are Interested in activating a park get in touch with Larry and he will tell you who to contact about how to do it.

Winter Field Day is coming up the weekend of January 27 and 28. Kenny Harris his group is going to be participating, if you want to get involved in that activity. You can find Kenny on the 255 repeater. You do not have to be part of our club or Kenny's club to participate in this event. I think you can set up your own station if you so desire. Check the ARRL Website for details.

Larry gave a big thank you to everyone and helped out during the Christmas party and made it a big success. Due to problems with the room we are considering moving the Christmas party to a different location. We would keep Western Sizzlin as our regular meeting place however.

Larry also discussed the (French) faux pas of having the main door prize given away by accident. And having to have a second drawing. It was really nobody's fault, Just in one of those things. It was placed on the wrong table. This as a human error.

New business:

Larry. Spoke about creating a Volunteer Examiner team for the club. This team would be in charge of giving FCC exams. You don't have to be an ARRL member to be a VE for ARRL. Larry envisions this as a Klub project to help encourage and help new hams in the area get tested. One of the ideas discussed was having "Elmer" days, This is were the questions of new and upgrading hams could be answered. This could be after the club meeting, after Saturday breakfast or after the "fishing hole" gathering on Wednesday. Or something along those lines and then schedule the VE testing session when there was enough interest. No official action was taken. This was just brought up for discussion.

Earl showed off the 440 repeater that he had picked up on his trip over to Romney. He has one pair of cavities, but they are old and may or may not function properly. He asked permission for the club to be able to spend some money to buy a new set of cavities. The frequency of the repeater will be 444.750. I have a PL tone of 91.5. Jerry made a motion and Ray seconded to authorize spending of approximately \$400 for repeaters cavities and other equipment. Motion was passed.

There's a Nelsonville ham fest coming up this Sunday, January 14.

Having no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Jerry and seconded by Baines and approved, meeting adjourned at 7:45. The minutes were taken by Mary Wharton dictated by Jerry W.