

Preston County Amateur Radio Club

August 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bill Beardslee, Brad Cress, Lisa Cress, Gary Stemple, Dave Sypolt, Harold Wolfe, RJ Wolfe, Brittany Cutlip, Sandra Cutlip, Doug Cutlip, Harley Cutlip, Mig Crowe, Randy Crowe,

Meeting called to order at 1:03pm by Brad Cress, President

Those in attendance introduced themselves and a sign-in sheet was passed around for all to sign.

Minutes from July 14, 2019, meeting were read and approved by those present with no corrections.

Old Business

- New power supplies were purchased and installed. Justin still has plans to purchase another antenna.
- Doug updated the group on the repeater and said that a climber from Camp Dawson climbed the tower and worked on the antennas. There are 3 total on the tower now: 1 is bent and not working; another antenna that Justin (OEM Director) donated will be installed sometime the week of August 12 if weather cooperates; 1 antenna had a little water, but seemed ok. Brad thanked Doug for getting the work done on the antennas and for getting the repeater back up and running.

New Business

- Brad informed the group that the Mon Wireless Club has asked if anyone from our club is interested in helping out with the upcoming Morgantown Marathon to be held September 22, 2019. Randy (N8OZY) is the contact for Mon Wireless and it is their 4th year in helping to provide communications for the race. Race starts at 7:15 am at the WVU Coliseum and they will be done by 2pm. If anyone has questions, you can reach Randy at N8OZY@comcast.net. Dave, Brad and Lisa indicated that they are interested in helping.
- Brad asked who might be interested in meeting to make a J-Pole portable antenna like the one that Gary showed the group at the last meeting. Bill and Dave indicated interest. Gary will get together a list of materials and Lisa will send out an email to get a date set to get together to construct the antenna.
- Discussion on when to start the Sunday night net took place. Brad let the group know that Larry will no longer be able to be the Net Operator. Dave Sypolt volunteered to be Net Operator for August 11 and 18, Brad will be Net Operator for August 25 and Brittany will be Net Operator for September 1. Net Operators for September will be decided at the next meeting.
- Brad mentioned that he would be going to the Mon Wireless monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 20 if anyone would like to ride with him. The meetings are held at the Red Cross Conference Room in White Birch Towers on Pineview Drive in Morgantown. Meetings start at 7pm, and they will conduct testing beginning at 6pm.
- If anyone is interested in Contesting:

- August 17 – North American QSO Party
- August 18 – RTTY Rookie Round Up
- August 24 – 6-meter Fall Spring – CW/Phone/Digital
- There are a few HamFests coming up:
 - August 24 - WV State Amateur Radio Convention – Jackson’s Mill
 - August 31 – Uniontown Area – 433 Pittsburgh Road – W3PIE for call in

Next Meeting – September 8, 2019 – 1pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:07pm.

Submitted by Lisa Cress, Secretary