

Preston County Amateur Radio Club

July 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bill Beardslee, Greg Cooper, Brad Cress, Lisa Cress, Cory Sickles, Gary Stemple, Dave Sypolt

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm by Brad Cress, President

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

A sign-in sheet was passed around for all to sign.

Minutes from June 9, 2019, meeting were read and approved by those present with no corrections.

Old Business

- Brad asked the group if we should table the idea of a club call sign for a while in order to give the group time to think of an appropriate one. A question of the limitations of club call sign was discussed. The group agreed to table the idea of a club call sign for now.
- Brad mentioned that a climber was scheduled to climb the tower to fix the repeater on Saturday, July 13, but cancelled, so no new news on the repeater. Greg mentioned that he knows a ham operator that also climbs and he will check with him to see if he might be able to climb the tower.
 - Brad suggested that if someone is not found soon that maybe a temporary antenna could be put up.

Field Day – June 22-23, 2019

- Field day data – 150 contacts total – 147 phone – 1 CW – 2 digital. Forty-one sections worked and 670 bonus points were earned. Brad thanked everyone who participated.
- Mentioned was that the antenna at the OEM center needed to be checked and that Brad and Gary both brought equipment to do so.

New Business

- Brad mentioned that he would be going to the Mon Wireless monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 16 if anyone would like to ride with him.
- Justin, OEM Acting Director has agreed to purchase a new 40 meter antenna and possibly an 80 meter one.
- Justin purchased 2 new power supplies and will run ground cable and extra cable. Brad installed the new power supplies.
- There was discussion on different antennas and Gary mentioned that there is a website – eham.net that has product reviews.
- Gary showed a J-pole antenna w/shock cord that will break down and is good for carrying around that he made. It can be used temporarily or set up permanently w/ground. He also

showed the group a homemade headset that can be used when out in the field. It is made so that you can hear the radio and also hear what is going on around you. Would be good to use in emergency situations.

- If anyone is interested in Contesting:
 - World Boy Scout Jamboree is being held July 22 – August 2 (NA1WJ) at the Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Camp in West Virginia.
 - ARRL Winter Field Day will be held January 25-26, 2020
- There are a few HamFests coming up:
 - Somerset HamFest – July 21, Somerset, PA
 - Jackson Mill HamFest – August
 - Berryville, VA Hamfest – August 4

Next Meeting – August 11, 2019 – 1pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.

Submitted by Lisa Cress, Secretary