

Preston County Amateur Radio Club

June 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bill Beardslee, Brad Cress, Lisa Cress, Doug Cutlip, Spence Graham, Ed Messenger, Cory Sickles, Debra Sickles, Gary Stemple, Dave Sypolt

Meeting called to order at 1:15pm by Brad Cress, President

Debra Sickles and Spence Graham introduced themselves as those new to the group. Spence is the Affiliated Club Coordinator.

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

Minutes from May 12, 2019 meeting were read and approved by those present with no corrections.

Old Business

- A discussion regarding an official club call sign took place. Silent keys Bill Jacobs (W8YCG) and Rich Wolfe (KA8UEU) were suggestions. No decision was made.
- Doug gave an update on getting the repeater back on line. He is still waiting on someone to climb the tower. Spence mentioned that they were also waiting for someone to climb their tower to work on their antenna. Contacting Camp Dawson, who volunteered to have one of their members climb the tower for us was discussed. Doug agreed to call them to see if they still have someone available to climb the tower. He said that the weather is at its best between now and September to get the antenna up.
 - Brad suggested that if someone is not found soon that maybe a temporary antenna could be put up.

Field Day – June 22-23, 2019

- Discussion took place on who is interested in participating in Field Day. Bill, Dave and Gary are all interested. Dave would like to work with someone before field day to brush up on the recording. Brad and Bill both have software needed for recording. Field Day officially starts at 2pm EST, but clubs can start putting up antenna and such before that. Debra mentioned that you do not have to be a licensed ham to participate in field day.
- Discussion on how to attract more members took place. Spence mentioned several ideas that they have used to attract new members to their club.
 - Conducting surveys of those present in order to see what they are interested in such as asking them about what type of radio they use.
 - Scheduling different programs to be held after the business meeting.
 - Using emails to get people interested such as putting a fun link, contest calendar, links to websites, ARRL podcasts – SO WHAT NOW and/or The Dr. is In.
 - Gary suggested a program on how to build an antenna.
 - Contesting such as the WV QSO Party – June 15-16, 2019

- Other programs they have had were on SunSpots, RIDDY and Search and Rescue
- Spence invited anyone interested to their club meeting (Monongalia Wireless) held on 3rd Tuesday of the Month.
- Spence also invited anyone to check in on their nets:
 - Monday night – 9pm – Mon Wireless ARES Net
 - Tuesday night – 9pm – Yaesu System Fusion Training Net
- Spence suggested that our club might join with Mon Wireless to sponsor a HamFest.
- Next Meeting – July 14, 2019 – 1pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.

Submitted by Lisa Cress, Secretary