

Preston County Amateur Radio Club

May 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Brad Cress, Lisa Cress, Mig Crowe, Randy Crowe, Ed Messenger, Cory Sickles, Gary Stemple, Dave Sypolt

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

Introductions were given by all in attendance.

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

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

Old Business

- FaceBook page has been established.
- Website has been created by Ed and posted on QSL.net. Address is QSL.net/PCRCWV.
 - Discussion was held regarding putting minutes on website. It was decided that Lisa would send Ed meeting minutes after they had been approved by the club.
 - Copyright laws were discussed as to what can and cannot be used and put on the website. Any articles will have to have a written approval from the original source to be reprinted on the website.
- Discussion of getting an official call sign for the club took place. Mentioned was the fact that a club call has no privileges without the control operator. Gary suggested checking into getting a silent key call to use as a club call. No decision was made.
- Mig mentioned that anyone renewing their ARRL membership could do so through the club at a reduced rate.
- Lisa asked the two local radio stations and the Preston County Journal and News to post notices regarding the upcoming meeting. It was on WFSP-Kingwood, and in the Preston County Journal and News, but no one heard it on WKMM-Kingwood.
- Repeater is not back on line yet. Weather has still been an issue.

New Business

Field Day – June 22-23, 2019

- Discussion was held on using the Emergency Services Trailer that already has a radio and antenna and if it would be available for field day. There is also a generator on the trailer. Brad will talk with Justin at OEM. Also discussed were the many different ways to earn points for field day. Mig said that she would send us pamphlets for an information table.

- Discussion on how to attract more members took place. Sending out post-cards was mentioned again, but it was mentioned that if we had email addresses a message could be sent out without cost. Dave will see if he can find email addresses for the list of Amateur Radio Operators listed in Preston County and then Lisa will send out a message to those people letting them know about the club.
- Dave said that a Robert “Will” Stewart contacted him about interest in our club. Dave gave him information on our meeting time.
- Ed stated that he found a loose coax connection on the OEM radio that Doug mentioned as a project for the club to take on.
- Also, Ed offered to make his repeater that he wants to put up in Preston County as club repeater. It would be an additional club repeater. No decision was made.
- Gary mentioned a program that ARRL sponsors called the “ARRL Teachers Institute” where they gather teachers from around the country and train them about amateur radio. Teachers must fill out an application and be approved to attend. It would be a way to get young people interested in amateur radio. If anyone knows a teacher that would be interested, they could apply for next year.
- The Home School Community was mentioned as a way to get the word out about amateur radio also. Also the scouts may another group that would be interested in learning about amateur radio.
- Ed brought up ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) to see if that is something that the club may be interested in. It was mentioned that the old club had done some of this. Dave said that he was interested in ARES.
- Ed also mentioned that he is the Emergency Coordinator for a location and is looking for someone to be the Emergency Services Coordinator for Preston County. Being an Emergency Coordinator involves training and attending LAPC meetings.
- Mig mentioned that becoming a 501.3.C is easier for a new club as there are not as many forms to fill out and that it costs \$275 for the 1st year to apply. That allows the club to apply for grants.
- Lisa stated that as Secretary she is not willing to fill out all of the forms and that the club needs to have more members before getting these kinds of funds.
- Mig mentioned that anyone is welcome to come to the Monongalia Wireless Association meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and gave out information cards to everyone in the meeting.
- Next meeting is June 9, 1pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07pm.

Submitted by Lisa Cress, Secretary

*Minutes approved as written at June 9, 2019 meeting.