

DARKLUB Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2021

The Regular meeting of the DARKLUB, was held on 7/19/2021 at the Trenton Public Library meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President Steve Carman, W4IT, with the pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer.

The Treasurers report was read. Indicating a balance of \$2,078.48. The treasurer reported that this figure reflected a check deposit from Mike Shaffer in the amount of \$9.23, a donation to the club. Steve reported that he had reserved this meeting room for the third Monday of each month thru December.

There was discussion about antenna building the "Squalo", that Steve had earlier made available to the club.

Also discussed were designs for building the air cannon he had used to deploy many antennas. The air cannon uses a 24 volt lawn sprinkler valve. He recommended a Maestrant rope for guying antennas as it is sunlight resistant, it is available from DX Engineering.

Mention was made that Cathy Gillium had been very sick and members wished her well.

A request was made for anyone wanting to buy or sell equipment, none was heard.

Discussion was held regarding the new FCC rules for RF exposure. The FCC does not require a new assessment at this time however it will be upon us soon.

A sample RF exposure calculation will be held at our next meeting.

A foxhunt training is to be held on the Saturday following our next meeting, Aug 21, at the city park, The planned frequency is 146.565, so bring equipment or just yourself and prepare to learn.

No further business was brought forward so the meeting was adjourned.

Mike Shaffer Secretary/Treasurer