

Smart Club Meeting
March 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by club president Dennis Boersema W8DAB

Introductions were made by all present.

A new member, Michael Gries, KD8GTX and a visitor were present.

Introduction of the new board.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report is on the tables.

Tech Committee:

Ron Schubot, N8CML explained the new controller ship price will remain the same. He explained the port usage. Recommended hold off on auto patch until option is available. May use the port for internet access.

Charlie Chapman, KB8SFR, pointed out we had motioned and passed the auto patch at the last meeting. Mel, N8MJ, made a motion to hold off on the auto patch. Jack, KE8TJ, voted nay. Then there was further discussion. Ron explained technical and availability of equipment ; four ports, three for repeaters and use of fourth for auto patch or VOIP. Jack Price, KA8AOB, wants the whole package. Charlie Burgstahler, K8BLO, donated \$200 for the auto patch. Thank you Charlie.

Hamfest Committee / ARRL Convention report:

They are establishing a list of vendors and will check at Marshall. A sketch of the program schedule for the ARRL Convention was passed around.

Bus trip to Dayton:

Dennis reported we need a minimum of 30 riders. He is sending flyers to the Allegan Club.. Jim Drenthe, KC8SSK, has it broadcasted on the Smart Net. Jack suggested Gazette jottings.

Membership Report:

Charlie Burgstahler reported we presently have 64 members. We had 77 last year. 34 members are ARRL. Charlie sent an e-mail thanking the members that did not join for their previous support.

Don asked for program ideas.

1. Mel had an idea of a fox hunt maybe during the yearly picnic.
2. Jack and Norm Harvey, W8RTY, volunteered for picnic organization.
3. Jack, KA8TJ, recommended tower safety.

John Tucker, WB8ZVV, reported that VE testing will be March 22 at 8:30 at the Sheriff's Department.

Charlie Burgstahler won the 50/50 drawing.

John Mathieson, KC8ZTJ, moved to close the meeting at 9:25.