

Attendees:

President: Dennis Boersema W8DAB
Vice President: Don Van Tilburg K8DVR
Secretary: Tom Oliver KC8QFF
Treasurer: John Mathieson KC8ZTJ
Membership: Jack Koole KE8TJ
Member at Large Norm Harvey W8RTY
Member at Large: Ray Clark WB8YZH
(and Beth)
Tech Committee: Ron Schubot N8CML
Net Control: Jim Drenthe KC8SSK

SMART CLUB BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2008
PERKINS RESTAURANT

Dennis opened the meeting at 0715 PM.

The first discussion was where to hold our club meetings.

Colonial Kitchen: Staff interrupting the meeting when they enter to retrieve some item.. Limited and a little expensive breakfast menu.

Old Country Buffet: Breakfast mandatory and expensive.

Ray suggested Poor Richard's. Will have to leave by 0945 AM and semi-private. Food is good but not mandatory.

Jack suggested that we start the meeting instead of waiting for everyone to finish eating.

John motioned to try Poor Richard's and Tom seconded. The motion passed to hold the December 13th meeting at Poor Richard's Café. Jim will put this information out on the nets as well as Jack, (KE8TJ).

We discussed SMARTTALK (Charlie Burgstahler put it out in the past) and Jim volunteered to try to over that task. Jim and Jack will get a database of e-mail addresses together.

The SMART website (K8KZO.NET) is out of date. Tom will start sending Hal (N8HAL) a copy of our monthly meetings.

Membership promotions:

Ron reported that KARC is sending a blanket letter to non-member amateurs in the area in order to increase the membership. Should we join them in this endeavor and share the cost? Ron will check to see if the mailing has already taken place. We could also send a flyer to promote the Dayton Hamvention Bus trip. Jack moved to join the KARC mailing and John seconded. Ron will check with the KARC Board. Jack suggested we could check the feasibility of using the Kalamazoo Gazette Jottings. To encourage people to attend the meetings Don suggested we use old 50/50 tickets to enter for door prizes, such as HTs, at the annual meeting.

Ray's round table on 147.42 to announce meetings.

Jack suggested having a Fox Hunts after the Saturday meeting and possibly give away a small prize.

Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip:

Where is the poster from the Hamfest? John picked it up from the trash area. Talk it up on the NETS.

Technical:

Ron will contact the Tower Representative, Dave Vaughn, to get the battery backup to connect with the inverter in the occurrence of a power outage and possibly an internet connection.

Ron said he might wait to install the new controller until he receives the phone patch board.

The meeting was closed at 0900PM.