

Smart Club Meeting
February 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8.30 a.m. by Dennis (W8DAB). A motion was made by John (KC8ZTJ) and seconded by Don (KC8OQM) to approve the meetings of the last meeting. The minutes were approved.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by John (KC8SSK) and seconded by George (K8GAR) and the report was approved.

Membership:

Jack (KE8TJ) reported we have 23 paid members and 50 have not paid. When finished with dues Jack will put out a new membership list.

Technical:

Ron is in Florida.

Net:

Jim (KC8SSK) reported that all is okay. Dennis reported that he couldn't access the tower Friday at 1600. No one knows when the upgrade of the controller will be completed. Auto patch is needed to control the repeater from a remote location such as the news line for the Tuesday night net.

John Tucker (WB8ZVV) reported that there will be a Technician Class at the Red Cross. It starts Monday, January 26 and runs for 10 weeks.

Dayton Bus Trip:

Dennis reported we have 13 signed up for the Dayton bus trip. We have about half the people needed for the trip. Mike (KD8TJ) sent flyers to the Battle Creek and Lansing clubs. Dennis sent flyers to the Allegan club.

The Marshall Ham Fest date has been changed to the 2nd Saturday in March. Bob (WB8CDT) made a motion we move the March meeting to the third Saturday, the 21st so that we can go to the Marshall Ham Fest. The motion was seconded by Jim (K8EMT) and so approved.

Community Service:

Don (KC8OQM) reported that April 25th is the March of Dimes walk and May 2nd is the MS walk.

Election of Officers:

All agreed to serve another term. George (K8GAR) motioned to close the officer nominations and it was seconded by Don (KC8OQM) and approved. A Member-at-Large alternate is Ray Clark but Dennis has e-mailed and tried to reach him by telephone but hasn't heard back from him. John (KE8TJ) nominated Mike (KD8GTX) and seconded by George (K8GAR) to take Ray's place. Charlie (K8BLO) moved to close the nominations.

New Business:

Jim (W8MKR) requested that everyone sign up for the PB-1 initiative to contact the State legislators to pass the antenna tower bill when it comes up before the to the Legislators. Jack (KA8AOB) will e-mail the Yahoo site with a link to sign up for the PB-1 notification. Jack reported that he has to go to the City Commission to install a 60' tower on his property. Board members are up for election in February.

Norm (W8RTY) brought a meter to show the club that tests for power line noise. He offered to let members use the meter.

Charlie (K8BLO) reported that the new QST has an antenna launcher that appears safer and more accurate than the slingshot method.

The 50/50 was won by Norm (W8RTY)) and he donated the money back to the treasury.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George (K8GAR) and seconded by Norm (W8RTY) and passed. The meeting was closed at 09:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Secretary Tom Oliver KC8QFF