

Smart Club Meeting
April 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8.23 a.m. by Dennis (W8DAB) and followed by introductions. Noah, a new visitor connected to our club through our internet web site. Charlie (K8BLO) and Jim (K8EMT) corrected some points in the minutes from our last meeting. It was moved to approve the minutes with the corrections by John (KC8ZTJ) and seconded by Ray (WB8YZH) and the minutes were approved. A motion was made by Don (KC8OQM) and seconded by Jim (KC8SSK) to approve treasurer's report. It was approved.

Membership:

Forty three members are currently in the club. We had 73 members last year. Jack (KE8TJ) will send the roster to the members via e-mail.

Dennis paused the meeting since the food had arrived. We had the 50/50 drawing and George (K8GAR) won and donated the winnings to the treasury.

Technical:

Ron, (N8CML) had nothing new to report. We are still waiting for the new firmware for features such as the autopatch. Ron still hasn't heard from the tower's IP guy. John (KC8ZTJ) motioned, and it was seconded by Ray (WB8YZH) for Ron to call the IP guy every day until the IP connections are settled. The motion passed. Mel (N8MJ) asked Ron if all of the antennas had been installed.. The send and receive antennas have been switched to see if they work better. Putting up new antennas has been previously discussed.

Dayton Bus Trip:

Twenty seven people are signed up for the Dayton bust trip. Dennis (W8DAB) received a call from a Ham in the Grand Rapids area that wants to attend. Dennis downsized the bus to a 38 passenger size and saved us \$400.00 from the larger bus. There was a question whether there not there was a difference in amenities and Don told us that there isn't any difference in that regard. Payment is due by April 15th.

Community Service:

Don (KC8OQM) passed around sign up sheets for the following Public Service events:

March of Dimes, Saturday April 25. Report to the Arcadia Festival Site at 7:45 a.m.

MS Walk, Saturday May 2. Report to the Arcadia Festival Site at 7:45 a.m.

Crop Walk, Sunday May 3. Report to Bronson Park at 1:00 p.m.

The MS walk needs more volunteers.

Jack (KA8AOB) reported that the Sea Horse Triathalon is at Coldbrook Park.

July 12th is the Kalamazoo Bike Tour at KVCC.

New Business:

George (K8GAR) motioned that the money left over from the Dayton Bus Trip be given to Dennis since he cleans the bus and is responsible for the bus. Ron (N8CML) said we should table the discussion until after the trip since the plans were to use any profits to increase the Treasury. George withdrew the motion.

Jim (KC8SSK) reported that George Farmer passed away and his heirs has his equipment for sale.

Ray (WB8YZH) motioned to close the meeting. It was seconded by Don,(KC8OQM) and passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Secretary Tom Oliver KC8QFF