



SATERN MEETING MINUTES

Date | time 2/6/18 | 7:00pm Meeting called to order by Chris Striebel

In Attendance

Bob Dennis, Martha June, David Johnson, Paul Bodnar, Paul Jackson, Chris Striebel, Don Prosser, Ivan , Smokey, Bob Striebel, Perry Zimonick, Tim Mullen

Approval of Minutes

No Minutes were read from previous meeting

Communication Vehicle

Purchasing the Icom ID 4100 DStar to replace the Icom 880 DStar and move that unit to the communication center was discussed and unanimously accepted.

It was proposed by Perry Zimonick to wait to purchase the Dstar Radio until Dayton Week for better deals.

Chris Propped pushing the purchase until after the March meeting so that we could coordinate that install with the Communication Truck work day.

We discussed the plan to add DMR onto the Comm Truck and what the best method is for that. The TYT MD-9600 Dual Band VHF/UHF radio \$279.00 was proposed.

Paul Bodnar stated that TYT has released a 3rd rendition of the same unit due to continuous bugs. Paul believes that the Dual Band is not the best option due to continued issues and lack of VHF repeaters in Michigan. Bob Dennis confirmed Paul's statement about the TYT dual Band Radio. Though so far the 3rd rendition seems to be operating well, but it is too soon to tell.

Chris Striebel proposed we wait on purchasing and come up with a plan for which system is the best option for DMR.

Chris Striebel proposed formulating a to-do list for the Communications Truck and coordinating a work day to complete those items. David Johnson accepted the task.

Radio Room / Canteen Unit

A lighting storm last year causing some electrical damage to various items in the building. One of which was the Yaesu 8900 Dual Band VHF/UHF radio in the communication center. Insurance has covered the cost to replace that radio \$372.60. The proposal was put forward to purchase the Icom 4100 dstar place that in the communication truck and move the icom 880 dstar both dual band VHF/UHF radios. Also the Canteen Yaesu 8900 dual band radio faceplate has had a nob broken off. The radio from the canteen and the faceplate from com center can be combined to make one working radio in the communication center to function as the main UHF/VHF radio and the Icom 880 will be primarily for Dstar. It was suggested that we remove the Yaesu from the Canteen as a permanent radio and use the deployable mobile vhf units we have when we need mobile communication for the canteen.

Chris Striebel proposed formulating a to-do list for the Radio Room and Canteen and coordinating a work dat to complete those items. Paul Bodnar accepted the task.

2018 Recruitment / Club Presentations

Chris Striebel proposed establishing a plan for recruiting for 2018.

Recruitment strategies proposed:

- Ham Fest involvement
 - Communication Truck display
 - Booth or table for interaction
 - Kalamazoo Crossroads hamfest 3/17/18
 - Smokey said that Crossroads hamfest would be happy to receive COW and booth at their event.
 - Chris Striebel to follow up for registration information
 - IRA Hamfest 6/2/18
 - Kalamazoo Hamfest TBD
 - HAMVENTION TBD
- Field Day Involvement of the COW
 - Don Prosser recommended using the COW at a field day
 - No group was proposed to join.
 - River side Radio amateurs has traditionally been a partnering group
- Saturday “open house”/ event / exercise
 - Chris Striebel Proposed a training plan for this event. To come up with criteria for an event.
 - Paul Bodnar proposed a handbook to work off of this event.
- Traveling COW show to local area clubs and events & exercises
 - Ingham County CERT Presentation 3/8/17
 - Holland Club TBD
 - Spark in the Park August 2018
 - National Weather Service December 2018
- Invite a friend to a meeting
- Use the growing Wednesday night net to voice our meetings, events, and updates.

Nets

- HF Nets
 - 75M no report
 - 20M poor conditions checking in is spotty at best.
- Link Repeater Net
 - Numbers are growing

Next Meeting

3/6/2018 SATERN Meeting following 7pm.

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