

SATERN Minutes September 18, 2012

Attending:

Tim KC8SIV
Lucinda AB8WF
Dave KC8DJ
Bob KD8DCE
Martha KD8RPR

Grant W8GEP
Dave KC8PCL
Paul KD8DLP
Chris KD8SLU

--421.965 repeater is up with no PL

--June minutes read and accepted

Roll outs: 9-11-2012 Cottage Grove Fire

Nets: 20m iffy propagation/ 60m noisy/ 2m attendance up on hot days down on nice ones!

Major Pat is to come to a future meeting to do a presentation on the history of SATERN

Delta loop antenna to be put up at EOC to help alleviate noise issue

Radio Room:

--Motorola HT 600's UHF programmed for SATERN commercial freq
469.5 tone 100.0 and signed accepted use policy before using

--Kenwood mobile turned into base station and programmed for same frequencies

--Communications monitor donated by KD8DEG for VHF—Dave KC8PCL to check if UHF
module available

Proposed 60m digital net:

--Olivia 8/500--to cover MI/Ont/WI/OH/IN on short band, half of US when band goes long

--run after 60m phone SATERN net on Channel 1 weekly --call it Digital SATERN Net

--maybe go to 15m after we are all proficient at digital

--Grant could train for digital modes--Next month all are to report if digital ready

--net has been discussed with Major Pat and Harry W9IB

Cell/text notifications for call outs:

--originally no because not all have text messaging

--list is to be made of who can do text and who wants email notifications

Net Logger—maybe use for our SATERN nets?

SATERN internet connection at Dickinson Park:

--VOIP programs will not work

--Do we need any VOIP options to use in case of emergencies

--If yes, why and how would we use them

--Dave KC8DJ to report at next meeting

--need for Echolink

--ports needed

--what we cannot do now that we can do with echolink

Meetings--due to Lucinda having choir practice on Thursdays and no one wanting to take over for her, meetings will now be moved to Tuesdays.

--the first Tuesday of the month was picked due to CERT using the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

TNC --W8SAT-1 --Dave KC8DJ has another TNC to use with a radio already at the EOC so can continue to have packet after he flies away to Texas

Approval has been given for an emergency repeater and 6 HT's to be programmed for the SATERN Frequency