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The Enid Amateur Radio Club held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Thursday evening, March 17, 2011, in the Red Cross conference room. Attendance: Guest/L.Benkendorf, Guest/R.Summers, AD8B/D.VonDielingen, K5ECH/P.Burford, K5ECI/B.Keck, K6GLA/R.Herndon, KA5HYK/J.Andrews, KC5OKG/B.Webling, KC5SII/D.Locke, KC5TTD/T.Locke, KD5BA/A.Fox, KD5EUS/S.Cotter, KD5KTB/T.McAnally, KD5MFY/G.Veit, KD5OFF/M.Cofer, KE5PQY/D.Plank, SWL/J.Brown, and WD5HUT/R.Clinton.

Club President M.Cofer/KD5OFF called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. and immediately recognized special guest Lynne Benkendorf who briefed the Club on plans for the 6th Annual Smokin Red Dirt BBQ event to be held April 14-16 in Enid. The Club will assist on Friday, April 15th. A.Fox/KD5BA will develop a shift schedule for that day. Club volunteers helping with traffic/parking control from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., will use FRS radios, simplex. Licensed volunteers helping with crowd safety prior to and during the evening fireworks show will use the 147.375 repeater.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the January 20th meeting.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the February 17th meeting.

Club Treasurer B.Keck/K5ECI reported in detail that the Club checking account and all special funds within the Club savings account have positive balances. The Club donated \$50 to Willow Road Christian Church in appreciation of the use of church facilities for the February Chili Supper.

Payment of dues for 2011 membership has been received from 30 individuals. (Note: Club bylaws stipulate that to retain membership dues must be paid by annually by the third monthly business meeting of the club.) More than one-half of the 2011 members are also members of the ARRL.

The Club has paid the annual premium for liability insurance with Seabury & Smith (RGL-7241345). For clarification: The EARC liability policy DOES cover Club activities associated with sponsorship of a hamfest; and DOES cover damage or loss that might occur as a result of a Club member installing or maintaining Club equipment at third-party locations. However, according to a customer representative at Marsh Consumer (Seabury & Smith), the Club policy DOES NOT cover any injury or loss personally suffered by a member in the course of installing or maintaining Club equipment. Several Club members disagreed with this interpretation and instructed the treasurer to get further information regarding coverage of individuals engaged in club activities.

The Club should also update the list of the equipment claimed for coverage under its equipment protection policy (Seabury & Smith, EQP-9103178). KD5KTB/T.McAnally and KD5MFY/G.Veit accepted the blank forms needed for this inventory.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report.

KD5MFY/G.Veit reported that all club repeaters are working normally.

K5ECI/B.Keck, on behalf of the ECF Fund committee, reported no further development on an informally agreed plan to approach Leonardo's Warehouse about locating an HF station and morse code training unit there.

KC5SII/D.Locke reported that Radioactivity Night is still active. Next meeting will be March 24th.

No further details on the repeater opportunities with Pioneer and/or the City of Enid Police Department.

KD5BA/A.Fox outlined upcoming community service activities. Namely: The 6th Annual Roberts Ranch Smokin Red Dirt BBQ, April 14-16; the Annual March of Dimes (for Babies) Walk, April 23; and the 79th Annual Tri-State Music Festival, April 27-30.

New Business:

KD5OFF/M.Cofer announced that a special alert regarding "hate mail" has been posted on the EARC website.

M/S/C to hold an ice cream social at the Red Cross location as part of the monthly Club meeting on July 21.

M/S/C to send a \$50 donation and letter to the Motorola Amateur Radio Club of North Texas, to the attention of WD5M/D.McAnally, in appreciation of a half-height equipment rack the group provided to EARC for repeater use.

M/S/C to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by K5ECI/B.Keck
on behalf of KF5CJZ/C.Bishop, Club Secretary