

## **Fulton Amateur Radio Club**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: May 22, 2024**

**Location: Oswego County Office Building**

#### **Opening:**

- **Call to Order: 7:10 PM by Secretary Ben Townsend.**
- **New Members/Guests: None.**

#### **Reports:**

##### **1. Secretary:**

- **Minutes from April were read by Ben Townsend.**
- **Motion to approve: Redd.**
- **Seconded: Garrette.**
- **Motion carried.**

##### **2. Treasurer:**

- **Financial report presented by Bob:**
  - **April 24th – May 22nd, 2024**
    - **Bank Balance (start): \$1,033.23**
    - **Cash on Hand: \$45.00**
    - **Income:**
      - **Dues: \$20**
      - **50/50 Drawing: \$25**
      - **Patch Sales: \$5**
      - **Total Deposit: \$60**
    - **Expenses:**
      - **Park reservation for picnic: \$88.13**
    - **Bank Balance (end): \$1,005.10**
    - **Total Funds (including cash): \$1,055.10**
  - **Motion to approve: Redd.**
  - **Seconded: Keith.**
  - **Motion carried.**

##### **3. Committees:**

- **Scholarship: No updates.**
- **RACES (Mike):**

- **Membership packet updates underway, including updated forms and frequencies.**
- **Inventory almost complete, with a few final items outstanding.**
- **Coordinating the membership list with county officials.**
- **Website/Social Media:**
  - **Survey results reviewed and discussed.**
  - **Minutes section added to the website.**
  - **Requests received from members unable to attend meetings to increase digital sharing and consider alternate meeting days/times.**
  - **Current Facebook followers: 660.**
- **Training Courses:**
  - **Technician Class starts mid-June, led by Rick, Mike, and Ben.**
    - **Rick will contact Upstate Ham.**
    - **Ben will update the website.**
    - **Mike will contact interested attendees from Big Truck Day.**
  - **General Class: Redd will start a course in September, running Thursdays 7–9 PM for nine weeks, beginning September 5th, with testing on November 14th.**
  - **Press releases will be submitted for both classes.**
- **Public Service:**
  - **Child Advocacy Center Event: June 22nd, morning in Fulton.**
    - **Redd will email two weeks before the event.**
    - **The course no longer crosses Route 176, improving safety.**
  - **No Tour de Loop this year.**
  - **Harborfest will be the next event.**
- **Field Day:**
  - **Scheduled for June 22nd–23rd at Ken’s property (8061 State Route 104, Oswego, NY).**
  - **Entering as Class A with four transmitters:**
    - **2-meter GOTA**
    - **6-meter**
    - **Digital**
    - **HF**
  - **Using emergency power.**
  - **Media publicity will include press releases.**
  - **Open to visitors with an information table.**

- Portable toilet ("blue boy") needed, as the on-site facility is unreliable.
- Mike will tow the radio trailer to the site.

**Old Business:**

- **Dave Webb's Tower:**
  - Work party scheduled for Saturday, June 1st, at 10 AM.
  - Mike will send an email to coordinate the crew.
- **Repeaters:**
  - 147.390: Exploring the addition of EchoLink, with Mike discussing support costs with Pat.
  - 444.350: Permanently connected to Kansas City Wires-X.
- **Picnic:**
  - Scheduled for August 25th.
  - Activities include a small swap fest and portable station operation.

**New Business:**

- June meeting rescheduled to one week earlier.

**Announcements:**

- None.

**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn: Garrette.
- Seconded: Rick.
- Motion carried.