

Fulton Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Ellsworth (N2GFG) at 7:02 PM.

Announcements

- It was announced with sadness that President Paul Hopman passed away unexpectedly on Monday.

Guests/New Members

- Guest: Jim Blackburn (KC7CNN).

Committee and Officer Reports

1. Secretary:

- Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.
 - Motion: Rick B.
 - Seconded: Dave G.
 - Motion carried.

2. Treasurer:

- Report presented by Bob.
- Total balance: \$875.31.
 - Motion: Garrette
 - Seconded: Keith Conroy
 - Motion carried.

3. RACES:

- No report, as Mike was not present. Ken will follow up for a report at the next meeting.

4. Community Service:

- The 33rd annual Reindeer Run is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 9:30 AM. Volunteers will be solicited two weeks prior to the event.

- Road construction projects are complete, increasing the likelihood of supporting the Tour de Loop in 2025.

5. **Website & Social Media:**

- Call for content; no other updates.

6. **Education and Exams:**

- Technician Class: Congratulations to new licensees Daniel Walsh (KE2EFG), Antonia Gilkey (KE2EFM), and Christa Gilkey (KE2EFT).
- The General Class will not be held this fall, but support is available for self-study.

Old Business

- **Antenna Trailer:**

- Painting and repairs are planned. The trailer will remain in Ken's garage for storage until spring.

- **147.15 Repeater:**

- Operational, but the airport antenna shows limited range outside West Oswego/Hannibal.

- **Dave Webb's Estate Equipment:**

- Equipment has been retrieved and stored at Ken's. A work party removed the tower and patched holes. Cataloging is pending for future club decisions.

- **Christmas Party:**

- Scheduled for December 14th at RFH.
 - Meet at noon, eat at approximately 12:30 PM.
 - Menu prices: Haddock \$23.03, Prime Rib \$33.27, Chicken Parmesan \$26.87.
- Judy will email members to collect RSVPs.
- Presenters:
 - Judy will confirm with Bill Scriber.
 - Keith has a backup presenter available if needed.

- Invites:
 - Dave Webb's widow and Julia Hopman will be invited, with the club covering the cost.
 - Presenter's meal will also be covered.
 - Motions: Judy, Rick, and Dave Granoff.
 - Seconded: Garrette and Keith.
 - All motions carried.

New Business

- **Picnic Coordinator:**
 - Discussion and nominations for a picnic coordinator will occur before next summer.
- **November Meeting:**
 - Scheduled for November 20th to avoid the holiday.
- **Wednesday Morning Breakfasts:**
 - Members have been meeting at 10 AM at the Chicken Chop, but it is closing.
 - A suggestion was made to try Mimi's Diner as the new location.
- **Fox Hunt:**
 - Group discussion about potentially hosting a fox hunt or similar event.
- **2025 Officer Nominations:**
 - President: Ken Ellsworth
 - Vice President: Dave Granoff
 - Secretary: BT (willing to continue)
 - Treasurer: Rick B.
- **Memorial for Paul Hopman:**
 - Calling hours and funeral details will be shared with the club.
 - A \$50 contribution to Paul's family was approved.
 - Motion: Garrette

- Seconded: Ken
 - Motion carried.
- **Bylaws Amendments:**
 - Proposed clarifications for election processes:
 - Nominations in October, voting in November.
 - Additional changes to be discussed in November.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Judy and Bob Lamay.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.