

Fulton Amateur Radio Club - Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 2024

Location: Oswego County Office Building

Opening:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Paul Hopman KD2HJW, the club President.

Officers' and Committee Reports:

- **Secretary:** Read the minutes from the January meeting.
 - Motion to accept by Rick, Garrett.
- **Treasurer:** Presented the financial report for the last month:
 - Bank balance: \$756.23, Cash on hand: \$45.00
 - Collected: Donation: \$70.00, 50/50: \$88.00, Dues: \$100.00
 - December deposited: \$198.00
 - New balance: \$954.23 + \$45 cash on hand = \$999.23 total balance
 - Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Garrett, seconded by Ken.
- **RACES Officer:** Mike was absent. Ben shared that the IS-100-C self-study is easy to sign up for on the FEMA website, requiring minimal personal information.
- **Skywarn:** Mike was absent. Weather briefings were sent out today.
- **Website & Social Media:** Ben reported the email system is working well with no Spectrum-related issues. Members can send content to Ben for group emails via info@FultonAmateurRadioClub.org.
- **Field Day:** Garrett mentioned that the 2024 ARRL Field Day rules have not been published yet. Mike confirmed the fort is reserved for club use, with permit paperwork in progress.
- **Scholarship:** The website has been updated with application information, though no applications have been received yet.
- **Licensing Classes:** Rick is seeking additional instructors for the Technician class due to health and availability issues with current instructors.
- **Public Service:** Ben shared a list of upcoming events from Redd. Bob mentioned that N2IK – Walt – is looking for volunteers for the St. Patrick's Day parade, offering loaner radios for those unfamiliar with DMR. The deadline for volunteer sign-up is tomorrow.
 - Motion to accept the reports was made by Dick, seconded by Sam.

Old Business:

- Ben, Paul, and Garrett are looking to complete the ICS-100-C course and encouraged others to do the same.

- **Repeaters:** The 147.15 repeater needs service due to reception issues. Pat has offered to assist upon his return and is considering adding EchoLink to the 440 repeater.
- The 30 ft tower from 51a has been relocated and is now stored at Ken's.

New Business:

- Discussion about engaging with local GMRS groups to encourage cross-training and information sharing.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Ken and seconded by Dick.

Minutes Prepared By: Ben Townsend, Secretary