

## **Fulton Amateur Radio Club - Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 27, 2024

**Location:** Oswego County Office Building

### **Opening:**

- **Called to Order: 7:01 PM by the Club President Paul.**
- **Greeted New Members/Guests:**
  - **Susan Jennings KC2QLV**
  - **Joshua Becht KC2HJU**

### **Reports:**

- **Secretary: Minutes from February read by Ben; motion to accept by Dick and second Mike. Carried.**
- **Treasurer: (Feb 28 – March 27, 2024)**
  - **Bank: \$954.23, Cash on hand: \$45.00**
  - **Income: \$0, Expenses: \$0**
  - **Total balance: \$999.23**
  - **Motion to accept by Rick and 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy. Carried.**
- **RACES:**
  - **Mike participated in an Oswego Hospital drill; no contacts made, exploring further collaboration for redundant communications across four sites.**
  - **Hospital may access grant money for radio purchases.**
  - **No RACES drill on April 7; next on-air meeting scheduled for April 21.**
  - **Inventory work in progress before equipment can be transferred to the club.**
- **Skywarn:**
  - **Upcoming training sessions:**
    - **April 6, 2 PM at SUNY Oswego**
    - **April 15, 7 PM online course**
    - **May 8, next session**
  - **Request made for a fall course; check NWS Buffalo website for a list.**
- **Website/Social Media:**

- Conducting a survey of membership to create a directory and tap into skills for future presentations.
- Over 600 subscribers on Facebook.
- Scholarship: No new updates.
- Field Day:
  - ARRL rules for 2024 are updated.
  - Mike will submit the application for Fort usage around April 1st.
- Licensing Classes:
  - Technician and General classes have no new updates; General class planned for fall.
- Community Service:
  - Thanks received from the Irish Autism Run; over 300 participants.
  - Child Advocacy Center 5K being planned, possibly on June 22 (same day as Field Day).
  - Other events: Harborfest 5K/10K on July 27, possible cancellation of Tour de Loop, Run for Health on August 10, Crush Cancer on October 12, Reindeer Run on December 7.
  - Motion carried by Garrett and Glenn.

**Old Business:**

- Tower Storage: No immediate plans for the tower currently stored at Ken's.
- Potential New Tower: Rudy informed Mike about a 60 ft tower available for free if the club disassembles it; located at Dave Webb's wife's home.
- Repeaters: Pat is still in Arizona, plans to work on repeaters upon his return.
- GMRS: VP Ken discussed GMRS licensing and local repeaters, potential interest from GMRS users in Technician courses, possible reprogramming of Ken's business band repeater for GMRS use.

**New Business:**

- None.

**Announcements:**

- Picnic: Planning to reserve Brietbeck Park for August 11, noon; featuring a chicken dinner.

- **Christmas Party: Scheduled for December 14 at RFH Hideaway; Juddy may have speaker suggestions.**

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion to adjourn made by Dick, seconded by Ken, and carried.**

***Minutes Prepared By: Ben Townsend, Secretary***