

Friendship Amateur Radio Club Minutes for April 9, 2012.

Meeting was called to order by Charles Lukas W1DOH at 1:30 P.M. Pledge to flag was led by Mr Lukas followed by a moment of silence for our SK members.

There were 15 members and 5 guests present followed by introductions.

Old Business:

Secretaries and Treasurers reports approved as posted on web page.

New Business:

Election of officers for 2012 conducted by Mr Lukas W1DOH

President: Ron Viola, KS4SW

Vice President: Rhyne Killian

Secretary: Ben Russell

Treasurer: Beverly Case

Announcements:

Arnold Hansen W3BPP had been contacted by Ed. Brendell's son to request help in disposing of Ed's Equipment prior to 4-15-12 because residential unit has been sold.

Ron Viola KS4SW is now the EC for Marion County.

Ken Simpson W8EK reported that the QCWA QSO party will take place starting at 2PM on April 18 and run for 24 hours. It is NOT necessary to be a member of QCWA to participate.

Ed W9CHA discussed ARES plans and reported that they need help from a 501C3 club to handle contributed funds. Ron Viola has donating a 15 foot trailer for ARES usage. In addition, the trailer will be used to support FARC participation in parades etc. It was pointed out that ARES does more than emergency communications by supporting local groups in the handling of Health and welfare traffic which is not carried by MERT. ARES is supporting HAM WATCH to assist local hams when needed. Please refer to the ARRL web site concerning ARES. The March of Dimes parade will take place on 4-18-12 and volunteers are needed to assist with communications.

Program:

A general discussion covering contesting and DXing had participation from all present. Techniques for being heard by DX stations and other DX operating techniques were discussed in detail. A portion of a Video from the 3X5A DXpedition was shown.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

Submitted by: B. J. Russell, N6SL.

