



## **Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Hills ARC was held on Friday, 25 January 2008 at the Sturgis Firehall. The meeting was called to order by President Gene McPherson at 7:30 pm with 15 members and guests present.

The agenda as previously emailed by Jerry Hawley was reviewed with no changes or additions noted.

Scott Rausch reminded members of the ARES planning meeting to be held in Hermosa on Sunday 03 February and encouraged all members to attend who are interested in emergency preparedness or participating in this summer's public service events. An agenda for the meeting was previously emailed out by Jerry Hawley and Frank Shaw.

Gene McPherson read the minutes of the last meeting. No changes were noted.

Carroll Cash gave a Treasurer's report, with a checking account balance of \$747.26. No changes were noted.

Marge Wilson and Bob Streich were accepted as new members.

Scott Rausch represented the club at the Dakota Amateur Radio Network (DARN) meeting held in Pierre on 12 January. Highlights of the DARN meeting were: discussion of the constitution and by-laws, establishment of a committee to write a state wide emergency plan, and a tour of the new communications facility. Jerry Hawley was nominated to be a member of the new committee, and to represent Black Hills area clubs' interests.

Scott Rausch announced that the several area hams have volunteered to organize Boy Scout merit badge classes in Rapid City on 7 & 8 March:

- Chris Stallkamp: Electronics
- Ken Kjar: Electricity
- Scott Rausch: Radio

Other possible merit badge classes to be hosted by area hams have not been firmed up as yet:

- Energy
- Chemistry
- Nuclear Science
- Medicine

Scott Rausch reviewed the public service events for 2008. Chuck Palmer, Jack Brand, and Scott met earlier in January with the intent of reducing the number of events (from 15 to 9). Chuck contacted the event managers and confirmed our participation and

passed along our regrets for the events we proposed not to support. The list is posted on the NHARC and BHARC websites, and will also be discussed at the upcoming Hermosa meeting. Several events are scheduled for June, with one per month throughout the rest of the summer.

Chris Stallkamp reported that the IRLP node is operational at his QTH, and encouraged members to give it a try.

Discussion ensued regarding the linked repeaters and the new system coming on line in New Underwood.

Chris Stallkamp reported that the 9:00pm 2 meter net is continuing in fine shape, with the number of check-ins about 20 per session.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Bob Streich gave a presentation on Red Cross frequency allocations and the status of the Rapid City Red Cross communications system.

Scott Rausch  
Scribe for the Evening