



NHARC Minutes of the July 23, 2010 Meeting

The July meeting of the Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Gene McPherson, NØMHJ, at 19:30 with 6 members present. Those present were: Harry, WAØMFZ; Carol, KCØZDA; Jerry, KGØGG; Jeff, KDØJLU; Bruce, KØNLE; and Gene, NØMHJ.

There were no May minutes taken as it was a work day on cleaning out the Lead Fire Department loft of the NHARC equipment. The June Minutes were not available but will be read at the August meeting.

Jerry gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$816.10. There was a \$100 check to deposit and split between clubs from a donation given.

Jeff reported on the work done at the Lead Fire Hall in May.

Reports were given on the Emergency Preparedness Exercise at Spearfish and Sturgis. There were four Hams at Spearfish and 3 Hams at Sturgis with Mike's trailer.

Carol reported that the State Link and the Black Hills Link are sometimes tied together with out people knowing.

Field Day at Sturgis was a success with 3 Hams participating. Next year it is hoped that Field Day will be in conjunction with the local events of Sturgis.

Upcoming Public Service events were discussed.

Jerry reported that the State Link batteries were cleaned and serviced and they appear to be in good shape. Motion was made and seconded that the club pay for the minor expenses of battery cleaning materials.

Jerry reminded everyone that dues are coming up in September. He also asked if we should apply for 501 status. After some discussion, Harry will try and get information back to the club on 501 applications.

The Terry Peak APRS repeater has been removed for repair. Dale presently has it in Rapid City.

Harry explained the pros and cons of present remote repeater control of the Black Hills repeaters. The repeater linking with the State Link becomes involved also. New equipment is required to properly provide the necessary control of the repeaters. Harry, Chris, Jerry, Bill, and Bruce, will be the Northern Hills Technical Committee and are to address the present problems. It was the consensus that the NHARC should take the lead in requesting any changes to the control codes.

Jerry reported that the antenna may be leaning on the tower at Bear. The carpenters doing work there from the southern hills club will be asked to check on it. Harry and Chris will suggest the installation height of the APRS antenna at Bear. Harry was authorized to purchase feedline for the club. The existing cable on the tower which is not in use, will be left as backup. Gene will contact the tower climbers for work to be done.

The next meeting will be at the Lead Fire Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 20:47.

Bruce Conlee, KØNLE, NHARC Secretary