



Minutes of the April 25, 2008 Meeting

At 17:50, prior to the meeting, there were 10 members present evaluating packet radio communications. On hand were six packet radios communicating through a local intermediate packet radio. The evaluation and testing was a success and the implementation will be the next process for the club.

The April meeting of the Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Gene McPherson, NØMHJ at 1930 on April 25, 2008 with 15 present at the Sturgis Fire Department.

The minutes of the March 28, 2008 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given. After deposits and bills, there was \$728.93 as a remaining balance. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Public Service events were discussed by President Gene with no changes. APRS was discussed for the trailing bicyclist on the Big Mick Ride. Route changes were noted on the Big Mick Ride.

Scott, WAØVKC, reported on the ARES Hermosa meeting. The next ARES meeting will be on September 7 and SET is October 4.

The status of the State Link net was discussed. It appears that the State Link Net has ceased to exist.

Net Controllers for the evening Weather Net are still needed along with relief Controllers for the present ones.

Jerry, KGØGG, requested an individual to be available for a radio station interview by telephone on May 2. President Gene offered to be available.

President Gene reported that Saturday, April 26, he will be using a NIVS antenna to contact Pierre during Net time. Various different NIVS antenna configurations were discussed.

Jerry mentioned individuals who have become Silent Keys.

The next meeting will be in Lead at the Fire Hall at the usual time.

Scott reported that the Memorial Committee will place the flowers at the Sturgis National Cemetery on Thursday, May 1, on the graves of the radio amateurs who have become Silent Keys. He also requested that the NHARC be in charge of accumulating the money that will be donated to place a cemetery stone on a grave of a Silent Key who has no stone. Carroll, KØRXC, will set up a memorial account at the bank for this project. Chris, WØADZ, offered to assist Carroll.

Bob, KBØNRB, requested help to assist in installing the tower and antennas at the Red Cross Headquarters in Rapid City. There will 5 amateur antennas and 2 for the Red Cross.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:08.

Bruce Conlee, KØNLE, Secretary