



Northern Hills Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Hills ARC was held on Friday, 22 February 2008 at the Sturgis Firehall. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chris Stallkamp at 7:30 pm with 8 members and guests present.

Jerry Hawley, KG0GG read the minutes of the last meeting. No changes were noted.

Carroll Cash gave a Treasurer's report, with a checking account balance of \$727.26. No changes were noted.

A discussion was held about the Sunday Morning Emergency Net which is held on 3.960 MHz at 8:00 am each Sunday Morning.

The UHF Repeater (444.975+) is operational again at Chris's house, when you're in the area please give it a try, there is no tone at this time.

Chris Stallkamp reported that the IRLP node was causing interference to Cable TV in his area so it was shut down; Jerry KG0GG is going to try and set it up temporarily at his QTH in Belle Fourche before it's moved to an east river location for testing and demonstration.

Discussion ensued regarding the linked repeaters and the new system coming on line in New Underwood. The repeater is now operational in New Underwood with coverage of about 10 miles in any direction, once the weather gets nicer they will raise the antenna to a higher elevation.

The radio problem with the state link at Phillip has been fixed. Remember the Statelink Net on Wednesday evening.

It was proposed to create a membership category for those who just wish to support the repeaters (Repeater Patrons) whereas the dues for them would be \$10 per year but they would not have any voting rights, the BHARC has this category in their by-laws, this will be discussed again next month.

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.

Chris W0ADZ gave a special presentation on a UHF antenna that he built called a Slingshot Antenna.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.
Jerry Hawley, Scribe for the Evening