Mancorad Membership Meeting Minutes
November 12th 2011

Meeting Convened at the Club Room, 10:11 AM
Officers Attending - Tim N7TAL President, Scott W9JSB Vice-President and Steve K9ZW Secretary/Treasurer

Welcome and called to order - Tim N7TAL

Thank you to Jeremy KC9BWK for his repair work on the donated Flatscreen TV. Reimbursement for his costs (to be submitted) was approved.

Scott W9JSB has upgraded the digital HF setup to add the JT65 mode.

The excellent write up of friend of the club George W9EVT in the December 2011 QST magazine was discussed. Well done George W9EVT!

Steve K9ZW lead a brief discussion on disposition of donations excess to the club's needs. As an offer was made on the pre-war (not working & incomplete) SX100, basically for its power supply, it was agreed to dispose of that rig. It is currently stored at Steve K9ZW company's warehouse. Steve K9ZW and Vern K9EME propose to deliver the radio & power supply later this year.

The large mass of items from Whitey and some overflow from Rob N9LVU's donations were declared excess to club needs and Miki KC9NVZ, Tim N7TAL and Vern K9EME are leading the process to sell, repurpose, re-donate and dispose of these items. They have set a work party for Monday November 14th 2011. They have been given full authority to deal with the items and any other declared excess, provided the proceeds and a full accounting are returned to the club.

Items donated by Steve Burke are being retained and are not part of the items being disposed of, with the exception of the R-7000 antenna which is excess to club needs.

Steve K9ZW will be sending thank you letters for the donated items.

Steve K9ZW mentioned an opportunity for an interested ham to joint venture on parting out & salvaging three large Radio Frequency welders his firm has disposed of. This would be a joint venture with a split of proceeds after sale & after sale expenses are covered. Several members expressed interest and will coordinate with Steve K9ZW to look the project over.

Scott W9JSB has a server built up and ready for the club. This machine will be dedicated to the repeater for linking and bulletins.

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Transfer of the 146.610 Repeater to Manitowoc ARES/RACES was discussed. Due to Scott W9JSB's work & travel commitments the face-to-face meeting hasn't happened. Noted was the leadership change at Manitowoc ARES/RACES with John NZ9Z taking over as EC.

For the benefit of those not familiar the status of the 146.610 and 145.110 repeaters were explained and discussed. It has been proposed that if Manitowoc ARES/RACES is not interested in the 146.610 that Mancorad decommission it ASAP, and further proposed that the crystal pair be moved to the 145.110 (Club Shack) repeater upon Wisconsin Association of Repeater coordination.

Steve K9ZW will coordinate after deer hunting with Mike KD9TZ and Les W9ER for the completion of the switch to the new controller on the 145.110 repeater.

Bob KC9HBA relayed that the new Manitowoc ARES/RACES 440 repeater has been relocated to Holy Family Hospital and should be operational as of November 10th, 2011.

Next month's meeting falls on our club 65th Anniversary and will mark the start of a series of special events to mark the longevity.

The December 17th meeting will have only any essential business and will focus on operating from the club shack 9 am to 5 pm that day. Focus will be on getting people back on the air, or on the air for their first time. The meeting will promoted by Miki KC9NVZ by putting up posters and Steve K9ZW through the usual press releases.

Follow up will be operating from the club on ARRL Kids Day on January 8th and again for Field Day June 24th & 25th.

Members are interested in sponsoring a Hamcram this winter/spring and at the December event we will start the effort to sign up students.

Numerous other ideas were discussed and held in reserve for the later events as planning progresses.

It was noted that the beam antenna needs to be straightened in its mount, inspected and perhaps tightened up. Steve K9ZW will coordinate that work party.

Financial Report - Tim N7TAL - Reported that there were no transactions with the same end accounting (all bills paid) $1,585.88 in the bank.

Secretary's Report - Steve K9ZW - previous minutes are up at the Club Blog http://mancorad.wordpress.com and club website http://www.w9dk.com No corrections

were brought up.

A brief discussion of unresolved issues ended with Steve K9ZW tasked to contact the appropriate parties and report back.

Presentation - Jeremy KC9BWK gave an excellent presentation on his homebrew 80m/20m transceiver project! Tim N7TAL has taken pictures and Steve K9ZW will put together an article for the club blog, including Jeremy's suggested references for information.

Meeting was adjourned shortly after 11:30 am.

Attending

N7TAL, W9JSB, K9ZW, KC9HBA, K9EME, KC9BWK, KC9NVZ and one guests.

History
Typed from handwritten notes and distributed for officers' review 13 Nov 2011