



SCARS

South Canadian Amateur Radio
Society

August 11, 2007

The August meeting was called to order by President Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) with 43 members and guests attending. The meeting minutes were read by Secretary Adam Krech (WX4CHR) which was approved with no corrections. Treasurer Jeff Wyke (KT5OK) gave a treasurer's report of \$2347.08 after paying the phone bill for the phone patch on the VHF repeater, CORA Tower Liability Insurance, and reimbursement to John Sauer (KD5JSD) for supplies from Field Day.

REPEATER REPORT / TECH REPORT: Ken Brown (N5KUK) reported that the repeaters appeared to be working at this time. All information about the new repeater status would be included in the "Old Business" section.

CORA REPORT: Bill Baker (WG5T) reported that CORA was having the next meeting on August 18, 2007.

VE TEAM: An extremely rare event took place on the last VE session for the month of August. Nobody showed!

NET REPORTS: There was nothing to report in regards to the nets.

New / Used Equipment: N5AQ reported that he purchased an Icom 756 PRO III. AE5MH reported that he purchased an Icom 7000. KE5DVB reported that he was trying to sell a Hustler portable antenna. KD5VGZ reported that he bought a "flying monkey" at Ham Holiday. WG5T reported that he bought a big wattmeter.

TECH REPORT: This was combined with the "Repeater Report" this month.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Ham Holiday was discussed and shown that it appeared that numbers might have been slightly down this year but the official tally had not made public as of yet. While on the discussion of a hamfest, WG5T reported that he had two free tickets for the Joplin, MO hamfest for August 24-25, 2007. (2) Don Graham (WA5TAW) asked about the status of purchasing a new cabinet for the new repeater "stuff." It was moved and seconded that a cabinet be purchased for a price around \$800. The cabinet was around 18" deep with around 30" of rack space and that the cabinet is built specifically made for repeater-type equipment. (3) KE5DVB reported that he researched the ARRL insurance for purchase to cover the new repeater equipment and to cover all other repeaters. KD5DOB requested that everybody check also other insurance companies to compare

coverage and price. The Technical Committee would prepare a list with total amount needed for coverage. (4) KD5DOB discussed the idea of creating a formal or informal board of directors to include the club officers and a few members. The idea was tabled for the September meeting however this subject opened up the next subject of the 501C status. (5) It was talked about either filing for 501C status either under an umbrella organization or on our own. KD5ZLG volunteered to look deeper into the process to be discussed at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: N5UWY reminded that we have officer elections coming up in November. It was decided that if anybody wanted to run for an office that they would need to announce their intentions at the September meeting. The National Weather Service Weather Festival was set for October 20, 2007 and that SCARS and the OUARC had been contacted by the NWS to possibly do a special event station and weather radio programming. More will be discussed at the September meeting. It was also decided that the Centennial event station would be held for discussion at the September meeting.

TECH PROGRAM: There was not Tech program.

Lastly, KE5DVB reported that a meteor shower would take place August 12 and 13 with the peak just before sunrise on the 13th. He also

reported that a total lunar eclipse would be taking place later this month. KD5DOB also reported that KC5OU was in the hospital and that KE5KJB became a silent key last week and to keep the families of both in our thoughts.

With that, the meeting was closed by Bill Lockett (KD5DOB) at 10:55 AM.

73 de WX4CHR
-Adam