

HCARES Meeting Notes – February 2005

- Meeting called to order by Steve Quear, WA9FTT, at 10:07 AM at the EMS Building in Noblesville.
- The Sam Costa Run will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. There is a new route this year and the starting point has been moved to the Cherry Tree Elementary school on Hazeldale Parkway. The route is more difficult to cover and we will need between 12 to 15 volunteers for this Run. At this time we expect to use the 443.55 MHz repeater.
- Weather Spotter training this year will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Noblesville City Hall. We will start the HCARES meeting at 8:00 AM.
- The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Eric Eilers, K9ZX. The currently has \$ 1261.63 in the bank.
  - The budget for 2005 was presented to the club. The club approved the budget allowing the Board to transfer funds between budget items without having to come back to the club for approval.

Postage	\$ 10.00
Indiana Repeater Council	\$ 8.00
Indiana Secretary of State	\$ 10.00
Newsline **	\$ 50.00
ARRL**	\$ 50.00
Red Cross**	\$ 50.00
Field Day	\$ 125.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 38.00
IRCC Dues	\$ 10.00
Club Prizes	\$ 25.00

\*\*Indicates discretionary spending.

- Joe Marsh, K9JHM, offered a Press release to promote Amateur Radio in Hamilton county. He requested a club photo for this release. The Club approved his request for a press release.
- Field Day still needs a coordinator.
- The Club carried out a discussion on the new repeater
  - The County approved \$ 7,700 for the purchase of a new repeater and antenna. The PO’s need to be sent in the first of next week.
  - On Monday EMA will be purchasing the critical equipment.
  - The Club authorized the Club Officers, Jeff Hendricks, and David Bice to be the approval board for this project.
  - The Club was asked to get this done ASAP.
  - The tower work is primary. We will use the Noblesville EOC tower climbing company to do the tower work.

- We will have Eric Eilers purchase the rope for the 40 meters antenna that came down. We need to have this rope available for the tower climb so that it can be put back on the pulley at the same time that the antenna work will be done.
- There is an open hard line at about the 120 foot mark on the tower. This line was used for the Public Safety antenna that was removed a few years ago. Jeff Hendricks will seek official approval to use this hard line cable. We will also mount the antenna at the same position on the tower.
- The antenna must be mount at least 7 feet from the side of the tower. This eliminates tower effects.
- Severe Weather week is coming up soon. The drills will be at different times this year. We will need to test 56 siren sites to establish if they are working. Volunteers are needed for this operation.
- It was suggested that we have ARES cards made for ARES members.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.
- Paul Dobesz, K8PD, brought in his test equipment and checked out many of our radios.
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