

# **Bloomington Amateur Radio Association**

## **April 4, 2017 Monthly Meeting – Minutes**

The club VHF Repeater frequency: 147.09 Mhz + (tone 100 hz)

The club website: <http://mnhamradio.com>

The April 4, 2017 Meeting of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association (BARA) was held in the Haeg Conference Room at Civic Plaza.

### **Business Meeting Highlights:**

- The April Meeting of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association (BARA) was called to order by Club President Matt Holden, KOBBC.
  1. Meeting minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.
  2. Brian Esmay, Club Treasurer reported the Balance as of March 22, 2017 was \$1146.23. A Deposit of \$45.00 on March 27, 2017 brought the balance to \$1191.23.
  3. Matt Holden, KOBBC suggested that we join with the Richfield Amateur Radio Club, at their invitation, for Field Day June 24-25, 2017. The event would be held at the Richfield Civic Plaza facility.
    - A motion to accept their invitation was requested and made by Bill Mitchell, Club Vice President. The motion was seconded by Matt Stepaniak, N0TNL. The vote passed without objection and had one abstention.
    - Since Field Day has been planned as a joint BCG, BARA activity, the motion was conditional on approval from Andrew LaVenture, BCG Director. Also, the use of any Equipment at field day (such as the mobile generator) would require approval of the BCG Director and those he recognizes as also needing to approve the potential use of equipment.
  4. Matt, KOBBC advised BARA members, as announced during the BCG meeting, the Fusion Repeater recently removed from the Logan Tower is undergoing a firmware update and will be re-tuned. It had been widely reported performance of the equipment was sub-optimal. It is expected to be returned to the tower as a Fusion Repeater or a DMR repeater after the maintenance. The timeframe for this was unknown as of the meeting.
  5. **RESPONSE REQUESTED BY FRIDAY 4/14/17.**  
Bill Mitchell announced that next month an antenna build party will be held during the meeting. A 3-element beam antennas for 2 meters (144-148 MHz) will be constructed during the meeting. These are effective,

made with readily available materials, and are easy to build. The material cost is \$25. A sample of the Antenna was shown at the meeting. If you are interested in participating in next month's meeting antenna build, please complete this survey by Friday April 14.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWM3X59>

- **Meeting Presentation**

Tonight's meeting will feature Matt Holden's recent travels to Costa Rica, TI7 land, and his operations there. Please see the slides attached to the minute announcements for slides from the meeting, especially Matt's travels to Costa Rica.

- **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Bloomington Amateur Radio Association Membership dues are now payable for the 2017:

Membership dues are as follows:

- Individual Membership: **\$15.00**
- Family Membership: **\$20.00**

- Dues may be paid at the May meeting or made on line using the hyperlink below. <https://mnhamradio.com/membership/pay-dues/>

### **Announcements:**

The **next meeting** of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association will be held Tuesday **May 2, 2017** at 7:30 PM, in the Haeg Conference room at Civic Plaza. Our main program will be building 3-element 2 meter yagis. While **builders are asked to pre-register via a survey by April 14th, all are welcome and encouraged to attend.** Additional assistants will be helpful, and this should be a good opportunity to learn about antenna building even if you aren't making one yourself.

### **UPCOMING CONTESTS**

Bill Mitchell, AE0EE is providing an ongoing listing of upcoming events via the club reflector. Thanks Bill for keeping members aware of these activities.

See Bill's announcements in the club reflector at [KD0CL@googlegroups.com](mailto:KD0CL@googlegroups.com)

### **AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAMS**

Amateur Radio License Exam Tests will be held in the Bloomington on April 22, 2017 and many Saturdays throughout the year. Schedules for 2017 as well as additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bloomington-ve.org>.

### **Field Day 2017**

Field Day for 2017 will take place June 24-25, 2017. Details will be forthcoming.

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### **2017 Club Officers**

- President, Matt Holden, KOBBC
- Vice President, Bill Mitchell, AEOEE
- Treasurer, Brian Esmay, ADOMJ
- Secretary, Dan Royer, KE0OR
- Special Projects, Matthew Stepaniak, NOTNL