

# **Bloomington Amateur Radio Association**

## **February 7, 2017 Monthly Meeting – Minutes**

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

The February Meeting of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association was held in the Haeg Conference Room of Bloomington's Civic Plaza.

### **Business Meeting Highlights:**

- President Matt Holden, KOBBC called the meeting to order
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.
- Treasurer Brian Esmay advised that the financial records are in the process of being turned over to him. Detailed status of the checking account will be provided in the near future.
- Net Control Operators for the upcoming 2017 Sunday evening nets are not all scheduled but members are encouraged to assume this duty as the need arises. The Net Control Operator on March 5<sup>th</sup> is asked to remind participants that the next meeting will be held Tuesday March 7, 2017.
- Matt Holden, club president and Andrew LaVenture, BCG Director discussed pulling the Yaesu repeater from the Logan Avenue tower site and replacing it with a DMR repeater. It is anticipated the Yaesu repeater will be used for special events and drills. These activities will move forward as no objections were raised at the meeting.
- It was announced that the '2017 Amateur Radio Parity Act (HR555) passed the house. Members are asked to Thank Rep. Paulsen for his support and be prepared to contact Senators Franken and Klobuchar to express support for the equivalent measure in the US Senate.

### **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 March 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 March 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM**, in the Haeg Conference room at Civic Plaza.

### **UPCOMING CONTESTS**

Bill Mitchell, AE0EE provided a listing of upcoming events. 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 March 18, 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 at Dredd Scott Field.

### **TONIGHT'S PROGRAM**

'AERO' was the topic of our evening program. Mike Ostlund, N0ANP provided an excellent overview of AERO, it's ongoing training and organization. Thanks Mike for updating us on these activities.

Suggested topics for future meetings include 'AMSAT' and 'Direction Finding'. Bill Mitchell asked members to forward other ideas to him.

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### **2017 Club Officers**

- **President, Matt Holden, K0BBC**
- **Vice President, Bill Mitchell, AE0EE**
- **Treasurer, Brian Esmay, AD0MJ**
- **Secretary, Dan Royer, KE0OR**
- **Special Projects, Matthew Stepaniak, N0TNL**