

NELARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2017

Ouachita Valley Library, West Monroe, LA

ATTENDING:

Jim Ragsdale W5LA, President

Mark Ketchell K5ER, Vice President

Ruth Ragsdale WM5LA, Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Baxley K5MSB, Director

Scott Dickson W5WZ, Director

Duffy Frantom KD5IGZ, DEC

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

Jim Ragsdale talked about:

Confidentiality - The board will sometimes have discussions about topics that are not for public distribution. The board will decide when and what information goes out to the public.

Newsletter – The first monthly newsletter is on a link on the NELARC.org home page.

LAQP - will be on March 17th. There is a possibility of operating sideband using W5EA. This is to be discussed at the club meeting on March 6.

Field Day – we still need a coordinator

Duffy Frantom reported:

Sky Warn classes for basic and advance will be March 10, 2018 at the OPFTC from 9:00 - noon

Run for the Cross will be at the First Baptist Church in Calhoun on March 24, 2018 at 7:15

Discussion about Hamfest:

Equipment – for raffle is in. Discussed displaying the equipment so people can see what they could win (this should increase ticket sales)

Tables – we have sold several tables

Tickets – 2000 new tickets have been purchased online and are numbered. The board voted to sign up at squareup.com so attendees will have the options of paying for tickets via credit cards. This should increase ticket sales.

Flyer – has been created to hand out at other Hamfest in the area. The suggestion was made to print them on a bright colored paper so they will stand out.

P & L Projection – shows how we can be profitable with enough ticket sales

W5L will be working on 40M/20M at the Hamfest, commemorating the Louisiana Purchase. This will be running from April 21 thru April 28. Scott Dickson will be contacting the West Monroe Visitor Center and Convention Bureau for see if they will donate toward making QSL cards for this event.

E-mails to AR, LA & MS will go out again two more times before the Hamfest

Donations – a list will be made up of items to be donated to the Hamfest for hourly prizes. Club members will be asked to sign up for what they will donate to the Hamfest and bring it to the club meeting on April 3.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Jim Ragsdale, President