

Meeting was called to order approximately 7:00 pm by President – Michael Wolcott. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chief Ben Stephens from West Jackson Fire Department delivered a thank you letter to Tri County Amateur Radio Club for service during the Winter Weather Event in 2016. Chief Stephens was introduced and said a few words of thanks to the club for our volunteer service.

Chief Stephens had to leave the meeting and the letter was read to the club by Mike and submitted to the Secretary for record keeping.

Introductions of members was done. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written. Cheryl gave the Treasurer's reported and announced the balances in both the General and Repeater fund for March 2017 - The report was accepted by a motion that was approved.

Mike made an announcement that DX Engineering will hold Club Meetings by Skype effective March 2017. VP Jonathan Weaver will contact DX engineering to discuss a schedule for the DX meeting. He also read the postcard received from Ham Universe.Com.

Mikel then went through the list of Committee reports-

Constitution & Bylaws- there was nothing to report

Roger - VE Team reported that he tested 7 candidates at the March 5,2017 VE session and 5 became new Tech and 1 went on to pass General. The next session will be Sunday, May 7,2017. Mike reported that at the BARC VE session – 3 candidates were tested an all passes- 1 Tech, 1 General & 1 Extra.

Repeater committee indicated that it is working. Regarding the website, Mike said that Charles is still planning on having a website meeting to revamp the website.

Nat was present so he set up controllers and alternates for net operations in April.

No other committee reports were available because of missing members.

Under old business, discussion followed about QSO party on April 8 & 9,2017.

Field day was discussed next. Mark will be having another committee meeting in about 3 weeks. A place for field day has not been decided.

Ron Harris brought up the Google group and noted that there is not a calendar available for reminders etc. The Google group has been set up. A motion was made & approved to drop the Yahoo Group and invite members to join the Google group.

There was no new business so the program for evening started.

Tom Welty gave a presentation about Shark RF Openspot and MOFI solution with Openspot which is what Tom uses- he gave a demonstration with a real radio contact. Ron Alexi showed his equipment that is Bluetooth enabled and used his phone to show how mobile the Openspot can be.

Meeting ended about 8:15

Respectfully submitted - Fern Oakes, Secretary