OUARC Meeting Minutes

4 October 2007, 7:00 p.m. Moe's SW Grill, 788 Asp Ave.

Reminders:

- Our next meeting will be 7 p.m. Thurs., 1 Nov. 2007 @ Greek House
- Next SCARS meeting is 9:30 a.m., Sat., 13 Oct. 2007 @ F.S. #7

Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robin T., Stan K., Somer E., Jerrod F., Chris P., Chip L.

Old Business:

- Our club and its constitution have been officially approved by UOSA. w00t!
- Rotator and mast for the Wayne, OK antenna were retrieved by Chris (with his trailer) and are temporarily being stored at the EOC. Does anyone in our group have space on their property to store the mast and antenna?
- Our shack door lock in Cross Center was changed on 20 September. If you are holding an old key (R131*7), please return it to Robin ASAP. Robin T. is in charge of issuing new (R131*9) keys.
- National Weather Festival ham radio participants met on 21 September at the NWC. It was decided that the ham radio operation will be set up on the front lawn, behind the flagpoles/rotunda. OUARC has agreed to obtain the use of Stan K.'s Buddipole antenna, David G.'s military antenna, and Chip L.'s mobile rig for the festival. Robin T. reserved the SORO 10' x 10' pop-up tent for the weekend of the festival. She will pick it up from SORO on Friday and return it on Monday.
- Robin T. reminded everyone that dues are \$15/year and that dues payment entitles club members to shack/equipment access.
- Robin T. and Chris P. both met with Matt Biddle (separately) and he requested that we try to get about five people together on a weekday afternoon to program the palette-load of weather radios (currently in storage somewhere on campus). This process will probably take a few hours. It was decided by those present that a Friday afternoon would probably be the best day to do this. Robin T. will get back to Matt with this information.
- The three amendments to the constitution, proposed in the September meeting, were passed by those present and by four additional club members voting in absentia (Laura K., Jeff S., Zac F., Andrea D.).

Committee reports.

- *Website committee:* Chip L. *is* the website committee. Chip requested that the officer page on the OUARC website be updated to reflect the 2007-2008 officers, so that it can be referenced in case there are any questions from OUPD about latenight club activities at the shack.
- *Skywarn/StormReady committee:* Chris P. and David G. currently comprise this committee. Chris P. and Chip L. proposed that OUARC organize an "Oklahoma Weather 101" seminar that incoming freshmen would be required to attend in the

fall as a public service, in order to increase club visibility and membership. Chris P. plans to contact the VP's office to determine whether or not this is possible.

- *Repeater committee:* Zac F. declined to head up this committee; Jerrod F. volunteered to do it instead. Jerrod F. noted that the repeater works.
- *Publicity committee:* Chris P. and Robin T. currently comprise this committee. See the Skywarn/Stormready committee notes.
- *Contesting chairperson:* Jerrod F. reminded the group about the School Club Roundup contest (<u>http://www.arrl.org/scr</u>) coming up Oct. 15 – Oct. 19. Jerrod volunteered to operate HF from the shack on Monday evening; he requested that an e-mail be sent out to the club listserv requesting volunteer operators for the other evenings. Robin T. will see to this.

New Business

- There have been some logistical issues concerning our club's checking account at TCFU; namely, there can be only one signer on the checks and checks deposited into that account must be made out to the signer (currently Jud A.) and not the club. In an e-mail exchange with Jud A., Robin proposed moving the account to OUFCU, because they allow group checking accounts with multiple signers. Jud A. counter-proposed moving a small portion of the club's funds (~\$200) to a group checking account at OUFCU for deposits of club dues and reimbursement, retaining the remainder (~\$1100) at TFCU as a club "savings account". Robin T. and Somer E. agreed to this plan and will meet with Jud A. to open the new account ASAP.
- Robin T. reported that Becky Watson had notified her of a new maintenance person at the Cross Center buildings (Gary Gleason). Chris proposed that some of the club officers meet with Gary face-to-face, in order to introduce Gary to the club and explain our club's activities at Cross Center. Robin T. will contact Chris P. with contact info.
- Robin T. and Jerrod F. reported that the club has received an offer of donation of an antenna from Jeremy Conkin (K0ZOO). The antenna is about 30 ft. in length and will need to be disassembled and transported. Chris P. agreed to contact Jeremy Conkin and arrange pickup of this antenna with Jerrod F.'s assistance.
- Chip L. suggested that only club members with a regular record of participation in OUARC activities be allowed to participate in ARRL Field Day in June. Robin T. expressed concern that this might exclude some people who cannot participate in most OUARC activities for legitimate reasons. Discussion was tabled for the time being.
- Robin T. reported that, while conducting an NWC tour, she met Joe Lynch, N6CL, who offered to print a club-furnished article on OUARC in CQ VHF magazine. Some interest was expressed in this idea, and sample issues of the magazine were passed around. A club volunteer will be needed to write the article.
- OUARC bids a find farewell to Laura K., who is departing Norman to begin working for the National Weather Service in Syracuse, Indiana. Good luck Laura! We'll miss you.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.