

Minutes from PAARC board meeting on 16 April 2009 at the Lucas' house.

Members/officers present at meeting:

KI3I, K3DBD, N3GBY, WA3WLH and K3CHJ.

- **Reading of the minutes from January 2009 board meeting.**

Minutes were approved as documented.

- **Treasurers report:**

69 members.

Check book balance is \$1764.47

- **Technical committee report Bob (DBD):**

APRS:

No reported problems.

G6 antenna repaired and tuned by DBD. Mount on tower as soon as possible. KI3I has mount, just need some heavy duty SS hose clamps (Mount provided by AG3T). Coax in shed.

At time of minutes writing antenna is on the SSE side of tower at about 40 feet. Distance from tower is about $\frac{1}{2}$ λ .

Second receiver 144.99 for mobile stations, Rick to look into possibilities.

147.21 (2 meters):

Working but there is still a noise on windy days. Source of noise is unknown but believed to be antenna connection to fed line on 21. Tower will need to be climbed again. Will need work party including tower climbers, need help from general membership.

At time of minutes writing, possible problem is PARA 6 meter input top support mounting or ATV top antenna.

224.020 (1.25 meters):

Amp has failed and repeater remains on low power.

443.550 (70 cm):

We need to get a UHF amp setup and running. Repeater is on low power. Bill (RMM) researching a new RF amplifier. Repeater is really OK on low power.

- **Social committee (meeting programs) Jim CHJ & Ed BVQ:**

May: APRS

June: Storm chasing, Lynnette.

Possibilities:

Switching power supplies designs compared to linear supplies.

Download meeting presentations from ARRL.

How to renew Ham License on line. (KI3I).

How to install coax connectors on feed lines

- **Old business:**

Language problems on repeater.

Log and report to AL.

Al has send letters of warning/expulsion to noted offenders.

Anti climb device for tower, maybe a dog pen. 6x8x4 high and costs \$220.00. Ask Bill Bosler what he thinks and CHJ to report to landowner. CHJ.

IRLP usage problems seem to have dropped off. Will continues to monitor system usage and if required we will make rules to control excessive time usage.

For WEB page, list of SK's, DBD is making list.

New climb harness/belt is in Bob's hands

- **New Business:**

Rick: Weather station at rpt site Rick will look into it

System will need to be interfaced with APRS system.

Tell people about the PAARC.net system. DBD

Need to discuss attendance at board meetings with people who miss board meetings constantly.

Bob (K3DBD) to make and distribute a "PAARC Members" list at next meeting.

CHJ to be Web/group/List server moderator. Will try special messaging.

Need to discuss Limerick Info center building up-grades with PECO.

Next meeting at Bob's house July 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.