

SwMsARC meeting minutes
Thursday, March 10th, 2016
McComb, Mississippi

The meeting was called to order by Club President, N5ZNT at 1900, with VE Cession in progress. There is a separate sign-in sheet for 12 in attendance.

The previously corrected minutes for February 11th, 2015 were read by N5ZNT. N5ZNT asked if there were any questions or objections. WB5ASP Moved that minutes be accepted as read. The treasurers report was also read by N5ZNT who asked if there were comments or questions.

There was a short discussion and clarification of current club equipment and the purchase of the Kenwood TS570D to have a pair of matching radios and compatible accessories, instead of 2 different HF transceivers. The club owns a Kenwood TS570 with matching equipment and a Yeasu 840 with matching external power-supply, matching external speaker and a matching external tuner. The Yeasu 840 and compatible external equipment is to be sold. The Kenwood TS570D is a version with 6-meters. There was no other old business.

The 94 two-meter repeater had been off the air for an unknown span of time. Facility maintenance workers were able to cycle the breaker for the 110 power source, which reset the UPS inside the cabinet, putting it back on line.

N5ZNT stated that the battery-backup for the 85 two-meter repeater was showing signs that it would need replacing, in the very near future. WB5ASP moved that N5ZNT purchase a new deep-cycle battery, at his discretion for up to \$150, with the option that it not be installed until after Field Day in June. KG5BA seconded. None opposing, passed. There was a short debate on club equipment insurance and power-strip surge suppressors with guarantees for lightning damaged equipment. WB5ASP requested N5ZNT contact ARRL for a comparison of equipment insurance options and report back to membership later.

Introductions for the group included a visitor from Monticello.

N5ZNT had printed Mississippi Section Emergency Net handouts for HF, VHF and UHF. He also announced that the repeater in Liberty, owned by K5PJM was back on the air on the same frequency, 147.195 and tone of 136.5.

WB5ASP reminded everyone that the Mississippi QSO Party is April 2. A contest where county hunters are very active. Check ARRL website for details, especially designators.

N5ZNT requested meeting be closed before a short program on using an antenna analyzer to tune antennas and check performance. Meeting closed at 1949.

Respectfully submitted by Cullen Watts, AD7KJ.