

SwMsARC meeting minutes
Thursday, February 8th, 2018
Brookhaven, Mississippi

The meeting was called to order by Club President, N5ZNT at 1900, with request that everyone introduce themselves. There is a separate sign-in sheet for 13 present. Visitor Mark KG5YAU acknowledged as a new TECK and his spouse Donna both new to the Brookhaven area.

AD7KJ read the meeting minutes from January 11th 2018 in McComb. WB5ASP moved to accept report as presented and corrected, N5ZNT seconded to accept. None opposed. Correction was “a second from KC4YNL for member-at-large” for punctuation.

The treasurer's report was presented by Donnie, KD5RGT.

In old business, (1) McComb hospital equipment “may only be moved with-in” the room, from the manager in-charge or contact, the same for training and education meeting room, Ms. Ellen ? (2) The Hammond hamfest was smaller than in years past. (3) The Capitol City Hamfest, in Jackson was also, not as large as in past. This left more time and room to visit with other hams and friends. There was an almost unheard of presence of ARRL upper executive board and district board members. Malcolm was pleased with the support. (Hamfest organizers stated that “The New Fairgrounds Rooms would be ready in 2020.” They DID NOT state where a hamfest will be for 2019, since it will not be at fairgrounds.)

In new business (1) The Mississippi QSO Party is scheduled for a 12 hour contest from 9AM to 9PM on Saturday April 7th. Bob K6DWI offered his home station for the club to operate under the W5WQ call. Techs and non-licensed persons can operate with higher class control operators to get HF time in or be introduced to contest activity. Mississippi has always been “much needed as a state” for WAS and under the “grid-square” for grid-square contact needs. This contest can be laid back unlike field day where it is contact and on to the next and next. (2) 2018 VE exam fee is \$15, which means no change from last year. (3) WB5ASP made a motion to sell or trade the club Astron 35-A power supply, if not a trade, buy 1 or 2 smaller 20 to 25-A power supplies for club contests and special events. N5ZNT second. Only one opposed. After the vote Bob N4RUD offered to make the trade for two that he has. All power supplies are to be tested and checked then the exchange made when found OK. (4) A discussion on a club purchased antenna analyzer was made. Discussion never came to a vote as most analyzers are fragile instruments, too much for passing around member to member willy-nilly.

N5ZNT requested a motion to close the meeting at 1949, for a presentation by WB5ASP on Propagation, Sun Stop Activity and Antenna Gain. Bob N4RUD made motion and Bob K5DWI second. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Cullen Watts, AD7KJ.