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JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club will on held on Monday the 10th at 7:00 pm at Moraine Park Technical College in a room TBA by email.

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Meeting Minutes November

Vice President Ed Beltz called the meeting to order at 7:05PM in room O-104 at Moraine Park Technical College. Ed asked everyone had read the minutes from the last meeting that was in the newsletter. Ed then asked for a motion to accept them as published. Dave Witt made a motion to accept them as published and Justin Buell seconded the motion. The motion to accept the October minutes passed on a voice vote.

Jeff Bechner then gave the Treasurer's report. The balance at the October meeting was \$2,069.59 with income of \$24.00 for the month and expenses of \$122.52 leaving a balance of \$1,971.07 for the November meeting. The balance is \$804.44 in the truck fund, \$530.68 in the repeater fund and \$635.98 in the general fund. Louie Simon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Lloyd Vandervort seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Dave Witt brought up the fact that two members have donated \$150 power supply and \$81 worth of concrete at the Red Cross. Dave would like the club to reimburse those members. After discussion it was decided that a public service fund would need to be setup with proceeds from the pizza coupon sales being used to pay for the donation of equipment.

Under Committee reports, Gene Olig reported that the van is back at Larry's and that they had accomplished a number of things this year. Doug Schultz reported that the VE's will be holding exams on Dec. 4th and he needs VE's. Gene Olig volunteered to help and Doug still needs one more VE. Gene Olig said that he and Jack Heil would look at teaching a Tech class in early 2005.

Gene Olig reported on County Hunters that Jeff Bechner had received a category 3 last county award and it was presented at the meeting. Peter Fox will have to pick the Ham of the Year before the Christmas party.

On Field Day we need somebody to be the Field Chairman and Dennis Paulin volunteered for the 2005 Field Day Chair. Ed Beltz reminded everyone that membership dues are to be paid in December. Dave Witt reported that he and Ed Beltz attended the annual EC workshop in Plover. The emphasis is on activity for the foreseeable future. On the SET, next years will not have a scenario and counties did a lot of relaying on VHF on this year's SET. The tower is up at Red Cross but they still need a rotator control box along with coax and cables. Under Old Business, Louie Simon asked for a head count for the Christmas Party on Dec. 12th at Pier 15.

New Business: Dave Witt brought up setting up an emergency services fund from the pizza coupon sales and possibly doing a brat fry next year. Louie Simon made a motion to setup the emergency services fund from the profits of the pizza coupon sales as well as future designated fundraisers and Gene Olig seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote. Louie Simon made a motion to take \$250 from the general fund to pay for the donated equipment at the Red Cross and then reimburse those funds from the pizza coupon sales. Dennis Paulin seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. Jack Heil reported that he has 115 pizza coupons out and he has more available.

On new business, Louie Simon needs \$100 for door prizes at the Christmas Party. Gene Olig made a motion to take \$100 from the general fund for door prizes at the Christmas Party and Dennis Paulin seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Dennis Paulin asked Gene Olig for an overview of the progress on the van and Gene felt they has made pretty good progress but there will be more to do next year.

The club elections were held at this time with the following results. For President, Ed Beltz was elected and Gene Olig was elected for Vice President. Jeff Bechner was re-elected and Dot Olig was elected Secretary. Dennis Paulin was elected Sergeant at Arms and Doug Schultz was elected to the Board of Directors.

Jeff Bechner then brought up that we need someone to get the new officer's on the signature card at the bank for the lock box.

Gene Olig made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lloyd Vandervort seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Andy Martin then put on a program on the Christmas parade plans.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Schultz Club Secretary

Meeting Minutes for December

Vice President Ed Beltz called the meeting to order at 7:01PM Monday, Dec. 13, 2004 in Room O-103 at Moraine Park Technical College. Ed asked if the meeting minutes from the November Meeting were published and Louie Simon said the newsletter hadn't been published because of computer problems. Voting on the minutes of the November meeting will have to wait until the newsletter is published.

Treasurer Jeff Bechner then gave the Treasurer's report. Last month our balance was \$1,971.07 with income for the month of \$604 and expenses of \$729.63 leaving a balance on Dec. 13th of \$1,845.44. This balance is made up of \$587.31 in the truck fund, \$530.68 in the repeater fund, and \$250.00 in emergency service fund and \$477.45 in the general fund.

Gene Olig made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read and Louie Simon seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote. Ed then asked for committee reports. Gene Olig reported on County Hunters and the 2006 National Convention will be held in Appleton at the Best Western hotel. Our club would host a Brat fry at the Phil Majerus' game farm. Gene Olig has approval from Phil and the profits would go to the club.

Vice President Beltz then recognized the 2004 "Ham of the Year" Louie Simon.

Randy Gruenewald then gave his report on the 10 Meter Contest with the band conditions very spotty. Randy will participate in the Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party that runs from Dec. 18th until January 2nd.

Randy will try to operate from the bandshell at Lakeside Park rather than the lighthouse.

On Public Relations, Doug Schultz reported that he had emailed press releases on our first place finish in 2A in Wisconsin in the 2004 Field Day to both local papers. Dennis Paulin and Gene Olig have some ideas for the 2005 Field Day effort. Jack Heil will head up the CW Tent and Gene Olig will head up the SSB Tent.

Dave Witt reported that not much was new on ARES/RACES at this time.

Ed Beltz reported that he and Lloyd Vandervort would need about 500 ft. of coax to hook up the antennas at the Red Cross.

Paul Beard reported that he has had about 6 check-ins for Sunday night 2 meter net.

Old Business- None was reported.

Jack Heil reported that club members have sold 147 pizza coupons, which should yield \$264 profits for the club.

Louie Simon reported that he would reserve two weekends for Brat fries. They will be the first weekend in June and the third weekend in August.

Ed Beltz said the Board of directors would meet at 7:00PM on Jan. 3rd at the Red Cross to setup a club budget for 2005.

Jack Heil then made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Aaron seconded the motion. The motion passed a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM.

Randy Gruenewald made a presentation on the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society and its contests.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Schultz Club Secretary

2004 Christmas Party Pier 15

Well, I hope everyone had a grand time at the Christmas Party this year. From all indications, everyone was well pleased. The food was excellent and the servers were great. It was nice to see most everyone there. The fun was in the gift giving, and the giving and taking was fast and furious. I would like to thank Richard Engel and his lovely wife for attending and helping to make the evening a joyous one. Oh, one last thing, "Hey Doug, you want to trade your loaf of bread for my yellow caution tape?"

DATELINE CW

By Ed, KN4Y

A mobile radio is always referred to as 'she' because it costs so much to keep it running counties.

Happy New Year.

Boy, the New Year came in with a cold hand. The space heater is all red face trying to keep the radio shack tolerable for the worlds two greatest. Gator is on his way over. He wants to see how many mobiles I have worked on the CW net last year. I hear Gator drive up the barking engine cracking the ice in the birdbath and the ninety-six inch whip removing what leaves are left on the tree. I yell, "The doors open."

Gator comes in, "Boy it is cold Dude, and you got to talk to Jerry about keeping the back door closed. Happy New Year." "Happy New Year to you too and shut the door quickly."

Gator comes in and sits at the computer. Gator, you have something on your, ah ah, mind?" "I got sad news yesterday; Uncle Rufus, my aunts brother in Arkansas died on New Years Eve. He fished at the same lake AL does." "Gosh, sorry to hear that Gator." "It was a shock, he left his entire estate to his beloved widow. However, she will be on an allowance until she turns 16."

I change the subject. "Here are the 2004 logs Gator, go to it." Gator starts listing the mobiles. "Should I include the mobiles you worked in State QSO parties?" "No." I go get a couple cool ones while Gator lists the mobiles. I warm up the ham hocks left over from New Year day. "Hey Dude, how about 30-meter mobile?" "Yes, but do not list twice." Gator gives me the New York taxi salute. A few cool ones with several ham hocks and a few hours later Gator hands me his list. I look it over.

AA1NZ, AA1LL, KL1V, N1QY, K2HVN, K2NJ, KM2U, N200, NM2L, NO2W, AE3Z, AF3X, K3IMC, KA3DRO, KA3MMM, KE3VV, KC3X, KP3T, N3HOO, OH3JF, W3DYA, W3ZUH, W3QNT, WN3C, WU3H, AA4S, AA4VN, AB4YZ, G4KHG, K4BAI, K4CNW, K4CW, K4MUT, K4PI, K4QFK, K4UK, K4YFH, KB4XK, N4AKB, N4AF, N4AKP, N4CD, N4GG, N4PB, N4RS, N4VA, NI4Y, NF4A, NY4N, W4OV, W4RKV, WA4PGM, WB4FFV, WB4VFN, AI5P, K5AAR, K5AX, K5OT,

KB5IPQ, KC5DSP, KD5JWC, KE5C, KG5J, KG6U, KR5C, KS5A, N5XX, NO5N, W5WOU, W5XX, AD6Z, KB6UF, KH6KW, N6HH, N6IMP, N6NF, N6MJ, NW6S, W6FAH, W6HOR, W6OUL, W6TMD, WG6X, AB7RW, K7DM, K7RE, K7REL, N7WO, W7CB, W7GQK, W7TSM, WA7JHQ, AK8A, K8CW, K8DSL, K8MW, K8OOK, K8ZZ, KB8PGW, KD8HB, KI8WO, KM8U, N8STF, N8WE, NT8S, W8JJ, W8LVN, W8OP, W8PC, W8TZA, WB8LQB, AA9KH, K9QVB, KG9C, KJ9C, KR9L, KU8E, N9JF, N9JR, N9NE, ND9M, NE9DH, W9MSE, W9OP, WD9GSU, WK9O, AA0IP, K0ARS, K0CO, K0EVE, K0GEN, K0GL, K0LG, K0PY, K0VPP, KA0W, KC0JG, KOZT, KQ0B, KY0E, N0ZA, N0SM, N0XB, N0ZT, NF0N, NX0X, W0AV, W0CML, W0ETT, W0GXQ, W0MU, W0QE, WB0M.

“That is quite a list Gator.” “Thanks, but I think there were more mobiles then this list.” “Yes Gator, I am sure I did not work all the mobiles on the CW net. But I eventually will.” “I will get the mobile in next years list.” “That is correct.” “Well Dude I got to run. Have to replenish my warehouse stock after all the New Year parties. Also I may go to Uncle Rufus funeral.” Gator is out the door and going who knows where.

I look at a QSL card I just received and notice it is from Ham Lake MN, I did not know hams had a lake. I want to thank all the county hunters that worked me in the ARRL 10-meter contest, maybe later on the forum. I see this month is the NA CW QSO party, the CQ 160-meter contest and ARRL VHF sweepstakes. All that mobile activity has made me sleepy, naptime. To all county hunters I wish a prosperous 2005.