MINUTES - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, APRIL 15, 1999

Meeting was called to order by president Ed Ule, K0YOG. The minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer's report read by Lynn Bartsche, AC6CY, was essentially the same as last month, \$973.48 of which \$346.72 is repeater fund. The report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Fred, WB6QVI, reported on the frog jump. He has lots of help for the HF mode but no volunteers for two meters. He pleaded for help with two meters and would like four hour blocks of time. Ed, K0YOG, volunteered to work two meters on Saturday. Someone is still needed for Sunday.

There is no information on field day. Go or no go decision will be made concerning field day at the May meeting.

New Business:

Renewal of club memberships come up in July. Ed, K0YOG, spoke of people continually using the repeater without being members. He asked if we should write them letters. The consensus was, why not!

Ed reported that it costs us \$.58 per issue of the newsletter.

Charles Szabo wanted a few minutes to speak. He spoke of being in the United States 31-1/2 years and how he got to America. He said, "God Bless America".

Fred, WB6QVI, talked about field day. He said that if there was not more support, should we even have field day. There was some more discussion.

Frank, W6XRU, has a lot of old books, CQ, QST, and others going back to the forties that he would like to give away. Tom, AA6PM, has some books on electronics. You can contact Tom. Bob, K6RDN, talked about the way our badges look and said that they now have the design in a computer so they will all look alike.

Don, WB6KML, asked about the repeater fund and how it is being used. The consenses was that Doug comes and asks for money and it is made available.

Question from Don, WB6KML, to Chuck Sullivan about the year 2000 problem. How was the sheriff's dept. considering using RACES? Chuck Sullivan answered a lot of concerns and stated that the RACES groups would be the last resort if all else failed and asked that we all try to be prepared as well as possible but not to panic. In this discussion the question was asked, how do we know when the repeater is on auxiliary power? The repeater used to transmit an A in morse code but it does not now. Doug needs to be queried.

Break for coffee at 8:10. A video about the first ham in space was shown. Club adjourned at approxiamately 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Clark,

For Patsy Clark, KN6XW, Secretary

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