

MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 20, 2000 MEETING

President Ed Ule called the meeting to order. The minutes from the March 16 meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer, Lynn Bartschi, reported \$851.53 in the bank. Of that amount, \$296.72 is the repeater fund.

Ed said we needed a nominating committee for the next election of officers. Ed Ule, K0YOG; Don Benthusen, WA6KML; and Tim Cody, KD6NRV volunteered to be members of this committee.

Ed expressed his concern that the repeater might not be monitored when members scheduled to monitor were on vacation. He asked ideas to solve this problem. Tim Cody suggested the scheduled monitor find a substitute. He spoke of how he valued this service. For example, if he fell off his tractor he knows he can summon help. Ed said the monitor schedule would be published next month. Monitors should identify when they go on duty and at intervals. Their job is to help with emergencies and to be friendly to visitors to the repeater.

Ed asked a volunteer to take care of our club albums. Dennis Bullock accepted this responsibility.

June Martin read a note received in February from the Holts. The note thanked the club for the card and pictures. Since they live in Stockton now the club wanted them to know they were thought of and missed. Then Sandra Benthusen said that Charlie Holt had had a massive heart attack on April 5. He is home at this time and feeling better. A get-well card was circulated for all to sign.

The summer picnic was discussed. We will have a pot luck picnic on Sunday August 20 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at White Pines Lake in Arnold.

Fred Soderer handed out packets of information to those participating in our special event station on May 20 and 21. There is room for more operators. Let Fred know if you are interesting in helping.

Much planning has already been done for field day. Dennis Bullock has received the field day information packets from A.R.R.L. A forest service spot west of Avery has been reserved. This is an ideal location with a panoramic view. A fire permit has been obtained. Field day is on June 24 and 25. Dennis and Johanna will be ready for sign-ups and making last minute plans after our special event station. Dennis and Johanna are going after points this year. They are planning to make it an enjoyable time for all that can take part.

There was a break for refreshments. Fred Soderer furnished refreshments with help from his wife Shirley. Thanks Fred and Shirley. After the break, Dennis Bullock showed us his new HF portable antenna. He used the plan in April QST for a twenty-dollar antenna. He explained how he built the antenna and told of the contacts he had made using the antenna. Then we were even treated to a demonstration. He moved the antenna out doors to the parking lot, brought his radio inside, connected radio with antenna, and was soon making contacts. Right there in our presence he made a contact with an operator in St. Petersburg, Russia on twenty meters. Thanks Dennis for a very interesting program.