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January 2018

Construction of BITX 40 transceivers by four club members AJ4XC, W4LSR, KM4WLD, and AK4WC was done both prior to and during the meeting

Brief discussion of participating in the Winter Field Day, later canceled due to weather and illness

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February 2018

Roll call – KJ4TVS, KJ4YOI, W4LSR, KM4WLD, WB8FBG, KB9UXY, KI4UXT, and AJ4XC in attendance

Treasurer's report

Previous minutes for Nov. and Dec. read. Approved after modifications.

Motion approved for spending \$20 for club charter

Motion approved for participation in June 23/24 field day

Discussion of field day preparation

Three options suggested

Use the SD emergency vehicle

Generator power

Solar power

Further discussion of how equipment is to be provided – the participants will bring whatever equipment they have

Discussion of food for field day – the club will order out from MacDonald's, Subway, etc. for food

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March 2018

Meeting called to order

Roll call of members was as follows:W4LSR, AJ4XC, WB8FG, KJ4YOI, KM4WLD, KB9UXY

Previous minutes read and approved

W4LSR discussed whether and antenna tuner could be found for club use

Treasurer's report

The club determined that we are prepared for field day

Discussion of MLK50 in Memphis in April

W4LSR encouraged members to consider going to higher license level

Meeting adjourned

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April 2018

Meeting called to order

Roll call of members as follows: W4LSR, AJ4XC, KJ4YOI, KM4WLD, KJ4TVS, WB8FBG

Treasurer's report

Previous meeting minutes read and approved

New business

Motion made and approved for purchase club radio at a cost of up to \$159 plus shipping costs

Galaxy Saturn (export radio) available for club use

Old business

Field day is June 23, 24

KJ4TVS discussed some of the field day rules

Club call of KW4DC will be used for field day

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned

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May 2018

Meeting called to order

Roll call: W4LSR, KJ4YOI, AJ4XC, WB8FBG, KB9UXY, KJ4TVS, AD4WX

Treasurers report

Previous meeting minutes read and approved

Old business

Discussed Field Day, WB8FBG talked about some of the field day rules

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned

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May 31, 2018 Dinner Meeting

Roll Call

W4LSR Lauralei	KM4WLD Bill	AG4QC Joe
KJ4YOI Charles	WA4RNN Brady	KJ4TVS Ken
WB8FBG Rita	K4SDX Dan	KJ4DZP Pete
KB9UXY Anthony	AD4WX David	AK4WC Sue

The club met to have dinner. 18 attendees came, including family members.

The post of Secretary was mentioned as being currently vacant. Rita Baker, WB8FBG, was nominated and she accepted.

The club will start offering VE testing again, dates and times for upcoming test sessions are posted on the club's website calendar.

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June 11, 2018

Roll Call

W4LSR Lauralei	KI4UXT Teddy	AD4WX David
KJ4YOI Charles	KB9UXY Anthony	KJ4TVS Ken
WB8FBG Rita	WA4RNN Brady	

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by President Lauralei W4LSR

8 members were present, plus 1 prospective member, KB8UIZ Steven.

Lauralei asked each of us to give a brief story about who we are and what we do.

Jim K4UKE, Margo KK4DXE and Dan K4SDX renewed memberships.

Treasurers report read and approved.

No modifications to minutes as distributed to attendees. Motion to Accept by Ken. Seconded by Anthony. Approved.

Old Business

Field Day:

Many members will be absent and unable to attend. It was decided not to do a club Field Day by the majority of members present. Brady will be doing his thing from his home.

New Business

David had 5 things to bring to the club's attention.

1. The Web Site is back under his control.
2. There is a section for Swap Shop - Listings
3. Sections of the By laws were amended:

Original By-Law, under Article IV Membership:

~~A member may be removed from the rolls of the Club for cause. The removal must be petitioned by a minimum of three (3) active members and the cause entered into the minutes of the meeting where said petition is presented. The petition shall be publicized on the Club's web page for thirty (30) days before a motion for removal may be made in open meeting. For the motion to carry, a quorum (75%) of all active members present at the meeting where said motion is made must vote affirmative.~~

It was replaced with:

A member may be removed from the Club for just cause. The removal must be requested by a minimum of three (3) active members to an officer of the club. The removal request will be discussed at the next meeting, a motion made and a vote either by ballot or show of hands.

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4. The Mission Statement was updated. New club mission:

The purpose and mission of the Decatur County Amateur Radio Club is to promote the hobby of amateur radio. The club accomplishes this by assisting those who are new to amateur radio, offering license testing, and promoting fellowship among amateur radio operators. The club supports the Amateur's Code of 1928.

Motion by Charles, Seconded by Ken to accept the changes. Approved.

5. VE testing has been restarted. Testing will be quarterly with the first one June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Decatur Sheriff's bldg.

Motion to close the meeting by Anthony, seconded by Ken. Approved at 8:06pm.

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July 9, 2018

Roll Call

KI4UXT Teddy

KJ4TVS Ken

AD4WX David

KJ4YOI Charles

KB9UXY Anthony

WB8FBG Rita

KB8UIZ Steven

Meeting called to order by Vice President Charles KJ4YOI.

7 Members present.

Old Business:

Field Day - No info on Brady's Field Day. No one worked it.

New Business:

Testing - no one showed.

The Technician exam changed as of July 1, 2018.

Next session will be August 20th at 7PM

Lauralei is now a VE.

Motion made by Ken for next meeting to be at the Mexican Restaurant on 412 @ 6PM.  
Seconded by David. Motion carried.

Try to get a speaker for the next meeting.

Skywarn Advanced class in now online.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Ken, 2nd by Anthony at 7:28.

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August 13, 2018

Roll Call

W4LSR Lauralei	KJ4TVS Ken	Steven, Sr
KJ4YOI Charles	KE4RBL Donnell	
WB8FBG Rita	KB8UIZ Steven, Jr.	

Meeting called to order by President Lauralei W4LSR at 7:08PM.

7 Members present.

Old Business:

Treasurers report read and approved.

Correction to minutes - September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Mi Pueblito at 6PM.

Sheriff's vehicle needs larger air condition. Radios all working.

Speakers are still being sought for October and November meetings.

New Business:

Mr. Steven, Sr. has no callsign yet. (he worked MARS in the military).

Skywarn training will be Sept 17 in Linden at the Jim Azwill Community Center.

Christmas Dinner will also be at Mi Pueblito. Date is December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. 3 gift certificates are to be given.

Donnell explained digital radios the sheriff's department uses.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ken, KJ4TVS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles, KJ4YOI at 8:00PM.

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September 10, 2018

Meeting/Dinner held at Mi Pueblito in Parsons at 6pm.

Present:

W4LSR Lauralei	KJ4TVS Ken and wife	WA4RNN Brady
KJ4YOI Charles and wife	AG4QC Joe	N3SCQ Ron
WB8FBG Rita	AK4WC Sue	AD4WX David and wife
KI4UXT Teddy and girlfriend	Teresa (Dan K4SDX's wife)	

Ken, KJ4TVS, mentioned a Skywarn training to be held in Linden Sept 17th at 6:30pm.

October's meeting, to be held at the 911 Center in Decaturville, will feature Ken's Friend Jim talking about MARS.

Please think of a program for November.

December Dinner meeting to be at Mi Pueblito. 6pm as usual.

Discussion on what gift to give at Christmas. Decision to give 3 gift cards for Giga Parts.

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October 8, 2018

Present:

W4LSR Lauralei

KJ4TVS Ken

KM4WLD Bill

KJ4YOI Charles

WA4RNN Brady

Jim N9DIX

WB8FBG Rita

Minutes accepted and approved for September's meeting.

Ken, KJ4TVS, mentioned the Skywarn training held in Linden had 42 interested people attend.

Old Business:

Discussion of gift cards to be brought up at later meeting.

New Business:

Motion made by Bill and Charles that dinners are to be dinners only and no meeting or business to be discussed. Approved.

Motion by Bill and Charles made to make Jim a member of the Club because of his presentation. Approved.

Jim N9DIX (AF84TN) Presented a slide show about MARS (Military Auxiliary Radio Services).

2 new guests were also there.

Please think of a program for November.

Bill and Charles made motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25. Approved

Submitted by Rita WB8FBG

Committee meeting and Officers meeting immediately following meeting to discuss next months program. Ken will work on it.

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November 13, 2018

Present:

W4LSR Lauralei	KI4UXT Teddy	AD4WX David
KJ4YOI Charles	KJ4TVS Ken	AG4QC Joe
WB8FBG Rita	WA4RNN Brady	AK4WC Sue
KK4DXE Margo		

Lauralei started the meeting at 6:59

Motion to accept Minutes by Charles, 2nd by Brady, Carried

Old Business:

Gift cards ordered and received along with 4 free hats.

New Business:

Due to 'free hats' a discussion was made as to how to distribute them. ALL present will have tickets in the 2nd drawing. 2 color tickets, to be brought by Teddy, to distinguish member vs non-member.

December 3rd is next Testing Session.

Due to December's meeting to be a dinner gathering, nominations and elections were conducted during November meeting. ALL current officers were re-elected.

President - Lauralei W4LSR	VP - Charles KJ4YOI
Treasurer - Teddy KI4UXT	Secretary - Rita WB8FBG

Winter Field Day will have Ken, Brady and Bill working the event.

January Speaker - Rita on contesting.  
February - Ken and David on Digital modes.  
March - Dinner gathering  
April - Joe will do a presentation.

Joe's Presentation on Antennas was well received. (I saw lots of notes being taken).

Meeting adjourned @ 9PM.

Submitted by Rita, Sec.