

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
18 October, 2019

The October meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 18 October, 2019. The meeting was hosted by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT.

There were about 40 folks in attendance and following the Pledge of Allegiance, each person introduced themselves via their call sign.

Charles reopened nominations for club officer and Board of Director positions for the 2020 club year. Annie Pliett, KA9YYI nominated Jim Pliett, K9OMA for the President slot and Jim agreed to allow his name to be put on the ballot. No other club Officer or BOD positions were added to the existing slate. So as it turned out, the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Manager, each of which had only one person each willing to run, were elected by acclamation by the members present. A similar situation existed for Board of Directors positions. Four Board positions were to be elected and a total of four persons had agreed to run. Thus these persons were also elected to the four Board slots by acclamation.

So it all came down to an actual election choice between just two persons for the President slot, Carole Burke, WB9RUS and Jim Pliett, K9OMA. Both of these candidates have served as club President in the past.

Ballots were distributed to the club members in attendance and the voting commenced. The result of the vote was that Carole Burke, WB9RUS was elected as club president for the 2020 club year.

Hence for 2020, the FWRC Officers and Board of Director positions will be:

President – Carole Burke, WB9RUS
Vice President – Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ
Secretary – Al Burke, WB9SSE
Treasurer – Debbie Jenks, KB9DEB
Communications Manager – Charles Ward, KC9MUT
Board of Directors:
Steve Nardin – W9SAN
Clarke Derbyshire – KG9FM
Brian Jenks – W9BGJ
Spencer Cassady – KD9NRS

Current club Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST was not able to be present for tonight's meeting so our Treasurer elect, Debbie Jenks reported on the treasury numbers in his stead. The numbers being, as of 18 October, 2019:

Income year-to-date - \$7,472.13,
Expenses year-to-date - \$4,687.25,
Cash-on-Hand - \$43.00,
Checking - \$2,335.86,
Savings - \$1,830.57,
Vanguard account - \$11,226.32

Steve Nardin reported that he was working on acquiring both golf shirts and T-shirts that recognize the club's 100 year anniversary, with a design that celebrates the anniversary printed on the back, and the club logo and perhaps the owner's call sign on the front. Once the details of features and pricing are finalized the items will be offered to club members. Al Burke noted that we are going to attempt to have these items available to all Board members who will be attending the Ft. Wayne Hamfest. Prices are expected to be in the \$20.00 to \$30.00 range depending upon the style and quantity of shirts ordered from the vendor (Inkworks, Fort Wayne). Stay tuned for further developments.

Al Burke reported that he had been in contact with the ARRL regarding publicizing our 100 year anniversary in QST. At present we are contemplating setting up Special Event stations on Opening Day of the Tin Caps season next spring, during the Three Rivers Festival, during the Johnny Appleseed Festival, concurrent with the Indiana QSO Party, and perhaps a few other events during CY2020. It appears we can arrange that the date(s), times and operating frequencies we plan to use for each event are included in the "Special Events" column in QST, and if we want to spend \$100.00 we can elaborate on the subject by placing an ad in the magazine. Apparently many clubs celebrating events like this use this technique.

Clarke Derbyshire proposed the club sponsor a "100 Years Celebration" contest that would require participating hams to make contacts with one another using any band and/or any mode. More than one contact between hams could be made per day provided each contact utilizes a different band or mode for the contact to count. A club member participating would have to make contact with at least 25 FWRC members. The contact exchange would include at least the call, name, QTH, signal report and the rig and antenna employed. The contest would run the entirety of 2020. Clarke plans to flesh out additional details regarding the proposed contest in the near future.

Jim Moehring, KB9WWM sent word that local hams would again be supporting the Huff 50K marathon up at Chain-O-Lakes State Park on 28 December. Hams provide comm. support for this very significant event. Contact Jim, (260-452-8559, servo300@aol.com) if you'd like to get involved.

Steve Nardin announced that the FWRC will have two tables at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. As is usual practice, if anyone wants to use one of the tables for the sale of their gear, they will be expected to man the table for at least one hour during the Hamfest. Note that we will again be encouraging Hamfest attendees to renew their club membership while attending the Hamfest. As an incentive we will be holding a raffle, probably for a new Baofeng UV-5X3 tri-band handheld radio. Those redoing their club membership will be eligible for one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase. The raffle sign-up period will occur during the two days of the Hamfest and end when the Hamfest ends Sunday afternoon followed immediately by the raffle drawing.

Steve also noted that tickets for the Fort Wayne Hamfest Banquet Saturday evening are now on sale. The price is \$25.00 per person and the number of seats available is limited. If you're interesting in attending you can purchase tickets via the Ft. Wayne Hamfest web page (fortwaynehamfest.com). The cutoff date for purchasing tickets is 8 November.

Following all of the club business, and the sheer excitement of the elections, everybody was just too pooped to do anything else, so we had no presentation. However, quite a few people hung around after the meeting to rag chew.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club