

# Owensboro Amateur Radio Club

## MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2007 MEETING

The Owensboro Amateur Radio Club held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at the Owensboro Community & Technical College campus at 4800 New Hartford Road. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Morgan at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

New club member Carl Sheperd was introduced. Sheperd said that he was getting back into Amateur Radio after an extended absence. He also said that he had been a MARS director while serving in the military.

Members had been provided with advance copies of the March 20, 2007 meeting by e-mail by Secretary Jim Mason. Harvey Bowlds moved to accept the minutes as presented, and Jim Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Max Douglas reported a balance of \$2,480.22 in the club treasury as of March 31, 2007.

Under old business, Bob Spears moved to remove a motion tabled from the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding a proposed revision of the club's Constitution & Bylaws which was presented at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Gayle Young seconded the motion to remove the previous motion from the table so that the proposal could be discussed and debated. The motion to remove the previous motion from the table passed.

After lengthy discussion and debate several revisions were offered and a consensus was reached on the proposed changes to the club's governing documents. Secretary Mason moved that the Constitution be accepted as amended, and that motion was seconded by Jim Hunt. The motion passed without opposition. Likewise, a motion by Bob Spears and seconded by Schley Cox to accept the Bylaws as amended was passed without opposition.

Secretary Mason will transcribe the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as approved and post a copy of the documents on the club's website, [www.k4hy.net](http://www.k4hy.net).

Field Day chairman Max Douglas, Sr. reported that the club has been granted approval to use the fire tower at Panther Creek Park, but not the shelters which will be in use by the public.

Repeater chairman Harvey Bowlds reported that he and Bob Spears have tuned the antenna which was purchased to replace the repeater antenna on the OMU tower on Kelly Lane. Jim Hunt reported that he had spoken with two OMU officials who said that they did not have a problem with Jim climbing the OMU tower to replace the antenna and check the feedline. He said that he may climb the tower on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> if weather permits.

Secretary Mason announced that there will be a SONS07 meeting at Moonlite Barbecue on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. SONS07 is an acronym for Spills of National Significance 2007, a disaster preparedness exercise sponsored by the United States Coast Guard in June which involves Amateur Radio and testing its ability to pass traffic between the communities along the Ohio River between Louisville and St. Louis.

There followed a discussion on the OARC SKYWARN Training Net which is held on Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. as to whether there is enough interest from club members to continue the current schedule. No decision was made as to either continuing or discontinuing the weekly net.

The next meeting of the Owensboro Amateur Radio Club will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> in the Humanities Building at Owensboro Community & Technical College at 7:00 p.m. The program for the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be presented by Bob Spears on constructing a simple portable twin lead J-pole antenna as described in the March issue of QST magazine.

President Morgan adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

President Steve Morgan, W4NHO  
Vice President Harvey Bowlds, WA4IJQ  
Treasurer Max Douglas, Sr., W4VJV  
Secretary Jim Mason, W4RCX  
Schley Cox, W4AMW  
James Hunt, KA4FWI  
Carl Sheperd, WI4QSH  
Billy Morton, K4BFM  
Gayle Young, KI4TEO  
Bob Spears, AA4RL