

MEDINA COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
General Meeting
January 26, 3012
MINUTES

Called to order: Co-President Al Kress called the meeting to order at 7:04pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian introduced our speakers of the night, Jason Boone and Jim Bodnar, Emergency Coordinator for Medina County Sky Warn as a hobby.

Both Mr. Boone and Mr. Bodnar are members of the Medina 2Meter Group, an Amateur Radio group that is of great assistance when an emergency should arise, whether it is weather related, or some other sort of emergency which should occur here in Medina County.

Some of the things Mr. Boone and Mr. Bodnar spoke about were:

- Imagine sitting in your room and talking to people in distant lands
- Imagine hearing world event as they and listening to far off place with strange names
- Imagine hearing a voice crackle through the air calling you, come...talk...be a friend, it's your world out there, say "Hello"
- Early attempts at sending voices over the air were unintelligible, but on December 24th, 1906, Reginald Fessenden shocked radio operators all over the North Atlantic who heard his voice coming from their radio, saying hello to them and wishing them a Merry Christmas.
- Fessenden's historic feat caused inquisitive hobbyists to join those experimenting with this new technology called radio. They were, and still are called Amateur Radio Operators.
- We invite you to discover what Amateur Radio offers in the 21st Century.
- Make friends around the world, talking to another ham, via an orbiting satellite, or swapping call signs with hams in over 100 countries in a single weekend.
- Volunteers save lives as part of their involvement in an emergency response, talking from Chicago to the Carolinas with pocket sized hand held radio(s).
- This unique mix of Fun, Public Service and Convenience is Amateur Radio
- Amateur Radio operators come from all walks of life, such as rock stars, missionaries astronauts, students, politicians, truck drivers and just plain folks such as you and I. They are also of all ages, income levels and nationalities.
- Amateur Radio operators have continued to be in the forefront of developing technologies years in advance of when they were rolled out to the public.
- FM television, mobile phones and V-O-I-P technologies were all used by Amateur Radio operators, years ahead of the public. Whether the preference is Morse code, voice communication or computerized messages, amateur radio is where an average person can using their own gear talk freely across town or around the world to others.
- Basic study materials for passing the FXC test and getting your first license usually cost less than thirty dollars (\$30.00)
- There are license classes held by many local groups for people who want more personal help. Taking part in one of these classes is the best way to go, but here is even a on-line course you can take if you prefer.

- Once you have your first license, it usually cost less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to get your first radio and start saying HELLO!
- Founded in 1914, the one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) member American Radio Relay League is the national association for amateur radio in the USA. Other countries have their own national organization.
- The A-R-R-L is a primary source of information about what is going on in the ham radio world, it provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs.
- For over 100 years, the magic of human voice over the radio has brought imaginations to life. It opened a whole new era of human communication.

To learn more go to www.hello-radio.org.

After a ten (10) minute break the general meeting reconvened

General Meeting

Secretary Report: Motion by Bill Roser, seconded by Bill McClousky to dispense with the reading of the minutes, All yea vote.

Treasurer Report – Current balance is \$2346.91 Motion by Jackie Evvard, seconded by Doug McClure to accept the treasurers report as given, All yea vote to approve

Standing Committee Reports:

Police Specific: No Report

Social Committee: Diane thanked everyone who attended the holiday dinner. It was mentioned that many of the recent graduates were not notified of the dinner. Diane asked for any suggestions for future activities to be forwarded to her via e-mail

Apparel: Jackie brought in the vest that were ordered and shirts that were not picked up by the graduates. Jackie can make the following available:

- Safety Vest \$34.00
- Lanyard \$ 3.00
- Hat \$10.00
- Hoodie Sweat shirt \$30.00
- Jacket \$35.00

Web Site: Please contact Brian if you are in need of a Identification Picture. (Brian will not be in attendance at the February meeting). Brian is in the process of updating the membership directory, which will not be shared with anyone other than the active membership. Please go to our website to update your information. www.mcp.3a.org

Upcoming Events: See events listed above

Old Business: None

New Business:

- For those that have not paid your 2012 dues, Karen will gladly accept same, as they are due by **April 1st**.
- Al proposed an amendment to the by-laws to read “that the Co-President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasures position be changed to a two (2) year term”.
- Discussion also ensued extending the term limit to three (3) years, as this would prepare the Vice President to possibly step us as Co-President
- Doug McClure, Don Barnes and Bill McClousky were appointed to the by-law committee and will report back to the general membership regarding their recommendation(s).
- With the opening of one Trustee position, Jackie motioned, Brenda Goodwin seconded the nomination of Howard Meister to fill the unexpired term, vacated by Lori Miner. All in favor by a yea vote. Welcome Howard.

Adjournment: General Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Evelyn Czyz, Secretary