Choctaw Amateur Radio Club Minutes from January 18, 2010

Members Present:

Bill Tarkington K3YC CORA Officer/Treasurer

Walt Diehl KA3AMK
Eric Spiegel K3UUF CORA Director

Richard Manlove W1WFE

Bill Wilburn N5NUK CARC Secretary CORA Officer/President

Ron Earnest W5RGT

Don McDown N5ENQ CARC Vice President CORA Director
Bill Crossland N9SQV CARC President CORA Alternate
David Huntz NH6SM CARC Treasurer CORA Director

George Morton K2GHM

Visitor:

Tom Webb WA9AFM

Everette Hartley

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:05pm.

Tom Webb WA9AFM gave a volunteer recruiting presentation for the OKC Memorial Marathon scheduled for April 25, 2010.

Old Business:

Controller issue is still on the table. The radios passed to Ron W5RGT from Larry K5VVD were not usable. Dave WD5G (not present) has conveyed he has something, not specified, which could be used. It was stressed this needs to be resolved quickly in order to eliminate the expense of the phone line currently in use for the controller.

New Business:

The Mid-Del Food Pantry sent a thank you letter to the CARC for the contribution of food at Christmas time. Don N5ENQ made a motion to make a monthly collection of food items or money for the Food Pantry. Walt KA3AMK seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Citizen Corps:

Bill N9SQV is looking for ideas to get involved with, and/or spur interest in, the Corps and/or CERT teams for the Choctaw area. The Choctaw Fire Chief is not interested in the program, but it would be beneficial for the community. FEMA has online training, but it would all be for naught due to resistance from the Choctaw Fire Chief. It was suggested to bring this up at the next CORA meeting to pass the info to other clubs via their CORA representatives.

CORA Report:

Bill N5NUK gave a report regarding Ham Holiday. A new location for the event is being sought. Several are being looked at.

Other:

There was no other business and a fair amount of rag chewing then ensued about the snow/ice storms. Eric K3UUF passed out some CD copies of ARRL test questions.

Bill N5NUK reminded everyone about the EARS Monday Night Information Net at 8pm on the 147.135 repeater. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.