



Hello Holiday Ham members. This letter covers both the meeting last summer at the International rally and the winter meeting held at the Sunshine Rally in Orlando in January. Summary of that meeting will follow the minutes below. Please review and comment.

The minutes as submitted by Coral KC4LN are as follows; The Holiday Hams Chapter 435 met at the HRR VC 2008 International Rally in Goshen, Indiana on August 4th. The meeting was called to order by President Henry Buxbaum. Roll call was taken after the pledge and the following members were present: Coral KC4LN, Don KC4LM, Bob WD9IYS, Dan KB8UTS, Bob WA2ETW, Floyd KB9ODL, Henry N3PLX, Elmer KD5FAP.

Henry's notes from the previous meeting (July 17, 2007) were read in lieu of minutes. The treasurer's report was read by Bob (WA2ETW) with a balance of \$734.21 reported. Don (KC4LM) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Bob (WD9IYS) seconded. The report was accepted unanimously.

Discussion ensued as to the suspension of dues for the current year since the treasury balance we currently maintain is adequate. Don (KC4LM) made a motion to suspend dues for this year and Bob (WK9IYS) seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Bob (WA2ETW) will return the dues that had already been paid by several members.

After discussion about election of officers, Dan (KB8UTS) made a

motion to retain the current slate of officers for a second term. Elmer (KD5FAP) seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dan (KB8UTS), Elmer (KD5FAP), Henry N3PLX, Floyd (KB9ODL), Eunice (KE5FSE) and Bob (WD9IYS) volunteered to help oversee the route planned for the walk-for-wishes walk. Positions along the route were assigned.

Dan (KB8UTS) suggested that we communicate with Jim Campbell, for the purpose of updating our website. We use the Region 5 website since the chapter was chartered in Kansas.

A lengthy discussion took place on the ways that Holiday Hams could help in case of severe weather alerts. The highlights are as follows:

We could run weather nets on repeater or simplex.

Bob (WA2ETW) suggested that 2 or 3 people could monitor the weather net. Shelter areas should be pre-announced.

Dan (KB8UTS) suggested we look into Sky warning training. We could possibly offer training at a rally. The National Weather Service website should have info available.

Don (KC4LM) suggested that we use chapter funds to purchase a portable electric bullhorn with a siren function that would be used on one or the security carts to make the rounds of the rally park with a warning message such as "put your awnings up and report to shelter". Discussion followed and it was noted that we should check with rally coordinators and manufacturers.

Bob (WA2ETW) suggested we look into weather Spotters training of other weather related emergencies. We could contact the

local ham club in the area of the rally to find out how they structure training and get local emergencies services.

The last topic we considered was ways to increase interest in Amateur Radio and in the Holiday Hams. The first suggestion was to offer classes and testing at rallies. There would have to be good preplanning since participants would need to be notified to get the latest books and study. A small article in the Ramblings could help to arouse interest and to inform. We would have to have VE's (2 or 3 members from the save testing organization that is certified be AARL of WSYI (Gordon West)) there. The second suggestion was to set up radio demonstrations at the rallies. We could also volunteer for hospitality to get our presence out there and recognized.

Dan (KB8UTS) proposed that a Chapter get together, such as going out to dinner

together would be nice for the next rally.

Floyd (KB9ODL) made a motion to adjourn. Don(KC4LM) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The following were at the Sunshine Rally. Henry (N3PLX), Bob (WA2ETW), Jim (KI4BRE), Ed (WX4S), JoAnne (KD4PIU), Don (KC4LM), coral (KC4LN), Dan (KB8UTS).

Discussion at the Sunshine Rally: From above we talked about the emergency preparedness. Further discussion was done at the Sunshine Rally. At decision was made to look to look into buying two bullhorns to have security carry around with them to announce when weather becomes a problem. We are planning to buy them and have them ready for the rally at Sedalia, MO this summer. If you have any comment they can be sent to Henry (N3PLX) at camper76@aol.com.