KSU Amateur Radio Club WØQQQ

Minutes - September 3, 2002

The secretary-treasurer, who took a detour this evening to see his beloved Wildcat women's <u>Volleyball Team</u> in their home season opener, thanks adviser Dr. Norm Dillman, NØJCC, for the following excellent meeting notes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P. M. in 274 Rathbone Hall by President John Blessing, NØYRL.

Present: (President) John NØYRL, Mike KCØIWH, Dusty KCØJNY, Norm NØJCC, Bill KO4MH, Dave KAØJPM

Items discussed:

- 1. An effort is in progress to document the date that an Amateur Radio Club was started at KSU. The archives department at the library indicates that 1937 was the earliest date they could find for the "Radio Guild." Suggestion: see if there is anything in the ROTC records about the radio club that originated there.
- 2. Assuming this really is our 75th anniversary, we discussed the possibility of some kind of celebration, publicity or special event station. No decisions were made.
- 3. Norm reported on the repairs that he and Steve, KCØMNA made to the 2-meter beam and the need to replace one of the tower guy wires. No decisions were made on who and when to do it.
- 4. We voted to have the telephone removed and explored ideas about how to remotely control the repeaters. Currently, the phone does not turn OFF the 2-meter repeater, but will turn it ON, and there is no remote control for the 440 MHz. Three approaches are being considered: (a) 440 MHz receiver (could be a scanner) and antenna and appropriate interface, (b) internet control (we already have an ethernet connection), (c) use the receiver on the 440 MHz repeater as a backup control mechanism. No decisions were made.
- 5. The 17 September meeting will be devoted to wrapping our vacuum tubes so they can be sold on eBay. Bill hinted that he might supply pizza (details to follow). Norm will bring boxes and tape. Bill will bring packing material and a digital camera. Pictures will also be taken of the soft drink machine, the VFO, and other items for sale on eBay. We also remembered that we have pictures of antique radio equipment from the Bill Dawes estate to offer at auction.
- 6. The was a general consensus that we should purchase a multi-band, HF vertical antenna to cover all the HF bands from 10 meters to 40 meters (as a minimum). Members will bring their suggestions to the next meeting and we will vote then.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 P.M.

