

## Meeting minutes for 09/13/2018

Our new president Geno, N4GNO, greeted folks.

### Treasurer Report

- Retiring treasurer, Jim W4XWA was absent. New treasurer William, KM4SKC stepping in.

### Secretary / Webmaster Report

- A partial prize list was added to the HelenaHamfest.com site.
- W4SHL site updated, fixed the link on the membership page to the ARRL application.
- Calendar at bottom of main W4SHL page was updated.

### Vice Presidents Report

- A tentative program schedule for the next few meetings is:
  - Sep 27 – Hamfest, Geno completes the ELAD presentation
  - Oct 11 – Hamfest
  - Oct 25 - Marcus on tower work
  - Nov 8 - Bill Davidson on RTTY
  - Nov 22 – No meeting due to Thanksgiving
  - Nov 29 – 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Hungry Ham dinner
- Note all presentations are subject to change or be rescheduled due to presenter availability or other issues

### Net Control

- We are looking for net control operators. The script is on the webpage under Nets & Repeaters. Contact Geno for coordination.
- Geno has an update coming for the net control script. The major change will be to quit using the “This is...” followed by a break then your call sign. Instead we will be omitting the break, and just using your call sign.
- The formal trader’s net is going to cease. The operator of it is no longer available, in addition it’s use has fallen off dramatically. Instead, at the end of the regular weekly net a time will be allotted for anyone wishing to conduct trades.

### Hamfest

Hamfest report from chairman Geno, N4GNO

- William suggested creating a special prize pool with limited number of tickets.
- William listed some of the prizes.
- Geno said he was donating a radio for sale, with the proceeds going to the club. Suggested other members may wish to donate unused equipment with the proceeds going to the club.
- The Hamfest website, <http://helenahamfest.com> is up to date. Please pass it along on social media.
- John verified we will be doing VE testing at the Hamfest.

### Upcoming Hamfests

Oct 20, 2018 - Our own Shelby County Hamfest, Geno N4GNO is the chairman, MFJ and Ham World will both be present.

Nov 10, 2018 – Montgomery Hamfest <http://www.w4ap.org/Events/Hamfest.htm>

**Presentation.**

In lieu of a formal presentation the meeting focused on Hamfest.