

## Meeting minutes for March 9, 2017 Shelby County Amateur Radio Club

President Marcus Thomas, KF4HYP, announced the retirement of Secretary Gene Newman, N4GNO due to job changes, and announced the appointment of Robert Cain, N4IXT to replace him. It was stated that Gene would continue in his role as MEC.

Three new members were voted into the club.

Jim Corbitt, W4XWA provided the treasurers report.

Discussion ensued about the potential relocation of the 146.980 repeater. Several options were discussed, ending with the next step of communicating with Hub Harvey to see what locations he might have available.

Preliminary discussions for this year's Field Day were discussed. Bob Thomas, KC4AF, suggested we might want to try an all-digital event. It was decided more discussion will occur at the next meeting.

Hamfest discussions began, the Hamfest will take place on 10/21/17. At the next meeting the group will document the various positions and solicit volunteers for these posts.

The EMA office at the Ray Building in Columbiana has issues getting out on HF. Various antenna solutions were discussed, such as relocation of the current antenna (which appears very problematic due to land constraints), using an end-fed antenna, and off center fed antenna. The idea also came up to use a remote link on the vhf/uhf band and remote to an HF station located at one of the repeater sites where more land is available for an antenna.

Miscellaneous:

It was reported Myrna, KM4HQI, is recovering from surgery.

The RTTY Sprint is this weekend, 3/11/17.

Next Meeting:

The program for the next meeting will focus on Field Day and Hamfest, planning and determining responsibilities.

In addition, there will be a segment on Ham Radio Operators during World War 2