

## Meeting minutes for 01/24/2019

Marcus KF4YHP, greeted everyone.

### Treasurer Report

- William, KM4SKC gave his report. There is \$2,463.60 in the checking.
- All bills paid.
- Dues are now due.

### Secretary / Webmaster Report

- Website was updated with latest upcoming event.
- HelenaHamfest.com was updated for this year's Hamfest.
- We are still promoting our Slack page. Go to <http://w4shl.com/slack.php> to find sign up instructions.

### Vice Presidents Report

- Note all presentations are subject to change or be rescheduled due to presenter availability or other issues
  - Jan 26 – Winter Field Day!
  - Feb 14 – Marcus will be giving a presentation.
  - Feb 28 – B'ham will be setting up for their Hamfest. Our meeting will be going there to help out. Setup begins around 5 pm. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AT THE REGULAR SHELBY LOCATION ON THIS DATE.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. As not much business is expected, it will be held at 6:30 pm in conjunction with the normal business meeting.

### General Business

- Looking for ways to help our older members, to still involve them and help them attend if possible.
- Our Hamfest will be June 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup>
- See <http://helenahamfest.com> for details
- Winter field day will once again be at Buddy's (KM4SKC) house.
- Robert knows of a 1000W AM Transmitter that could be easily converted 160 meters that could be had for a reasonable price (i.e. nearly free). Plate modulated, uses 4 tubes. 6.5 feet tall, 3.5 feet wide and deep. 230v single phase, 50 ohm output. [robert2@bellsouth.net](mailto:robert2@bellsouth.net) if you are interested.

### Net Control

- We are looking for net control operators. The script is on the webpage under Nets & Repeaters. Contact Geno for coordination.

### Presentation.

Tonight's presentation focused on Winter Field Day planning.

We will be operating as 2H, using the call sign W4SHL

We will operate one digital and one voice station

Contest starts 1 pm Sat to 1 pm Sun, dinner around 6 pm

Presentation was by Michael KA4VCA on HF Propagation during Winter Field Day

N6ST – Map centered on your house: <https://ns6t.net/azimuth/azimuth.html>

Critical frequency map: [www.spacew.com/www/fof2.html](http://www.spacew.com/www/fof2.html)

Updates every 5 minutes for free

Space science lab: <http://ulcar.uml.edu/digisonde.html>

Winter field day will be held at:

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