

Meeting Minutes 7 April 2005

President: Anthony Moore N2WRK

Vice President: Bob Block W2SR

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 20:00 by Vice President Bob, W2SR, in the temporary absence of the President, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions by attending members and guests. In the absence of the Secretary and Treasurer, the Vice President recorded ad-hoc minutes. An unknown number of members were present and it was unclear if a quorum was present.

**Meeting Minutes:** No prior meeting minutes were distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer was not present and no report was given.

**Technical:** No report.

**Health and Welfare:** John, N2MIB, our esteemed secretary is seriously ill and is currently hospitalized. Jack, KB2LSI, is sidelined at home with a bad back. We wish them both a speedy and complete recovery.

**HF:** Bob W2SR reported that despite generally poor propagation, there are numerous opportunities for good DX on 15, 20, and especially 17 Meters during the day and 30, 40 and 80 at night. In particular, it looks like 20 Meters, which had been closing up very early was expected to offer some good DX during this month's VOA Special Event [Ed. Note: it did!].

**Membership:** No report.

**Programs:** No report.

**Web:** Bill, W2BT reports web page is up and functioning.

**Old Business:** At the request of several members, the Post Office Box will be continued for another year and will be subsidized by private contributions. Rick, W2PQ and Drew W2OU reported on the forthcoming IEEE "Take your Children to Work" program which will be held on April 28. Rick, Drew and other members of the club will coordinate a presentation and demonstration featuring vintage gear, PSK, HF, and CW. We express our thanks to Rick and Drew.

**New Business:** Bill, W2BT reminded us of the annual VOA Special Event scheduled for April 16 and 17. Bob, W2SR, reminded us that Field Day is on the horizon and promised to arrange for a bulk purchase of Tee shirts and pins as in prior years. Brian, N2MPM announced that the 440.8 repeater was back on the air. Bill, W2BT mentioned that the OEM coordinator would like to show the station to the local CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team). A new cell tower will be constructed on the municipal campus; there is no word about a new station or antenna location for the club.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 20:58.

RS: Bob Block, Vice President.