

# Rural Iowa Radio Club

February 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Rural Iowa Radio Club met in regular session on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the Fayette Public Library located in Fayette, Iowa at 6:30 pm.

**In Attendance:** Eric Grams, Dan Bonjour, Jeff Hughes, Hal Wilson, Jeff Smith, Brian Gomer, Jon Thompson, Nick Byrnes, Jim Sims, Patrik P.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The report was presented by **Jeffrey Hughes**, Club Treasurer for the period from January 5, 2024 to February 1, 2024.

The treasurer's report stated that the beginning balance in the club checking account was \$1,074.83. The ending balance was \$1,239.83. Total receipts for the period amounted to \$200.00. Total disbursements amounted to \$35.00.

## **Club President's comments**

The president informed members that the RAGBRI event would not be coming to the area this year. Discussed the possibility of participating in the state fair by providing communications support.

Hal shared with members of a need in the area to help a local disabled resident.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### *General discussion items:*

Dan Bonjour discussed the need to work on a program aimed at reaching young people. Specifically, something that would keep their attention. Consideration was given to conducting a Fox Hunt a couple of times during the fair in a 45 minute to 1 hour time slot each. A suggestion was made to keep it in the UHF band in order to stick with smaller antennas. Members supported this idea.

Jeff volunteered to help one evening during the fair. Dan will check on getting the needed time slot assignment from the fair organizers. It was pointed out that Friday night would be the big show at the fair. Eric mentioned the possibility of doing the Fox Hunt twice during the fair.

Hal shared that his efforts to get young people set up with ARRL access on a school computer had encountered some unforeseen legal hurdles. He stated that he would continue to work on getting this set up.

Eric asked Dan about spotter training. This will take place on March 25 in Wacoma.

### *Discussion Item: What to do during field day. Where to hold the event?*

Eric stated that it was important to get the trailer out. Perhaps Maynard days?

The idea of holding the field day at the Volga campgrounds garnered a good deal of support by those present.

### *Miscellaneous discussion items:*

Brian – Wanted to see Simplex check-ins covered.

A reminder that Net would be conducted on Monday nights at 7pm.

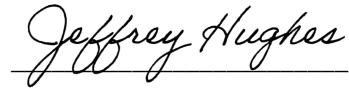
## **Evening Presentation by Dan Bonjour**

Eric made a presentation on the topic "What is a Net?"

Adjournment time was not noted as secretary had to leave early.

Next club meeting will be held Thursday, March 7, 2024 at the Fayette Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey Hughes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Jeff Hughes  
Rural Iowa Radio Club Secretary