

YISSB WORKSHOP

June 16, 2017

The Workshop was called to order at 2:00 PM by President Bobbie, N4ZGH. The following topics were discussed.

1. Should the YL System curtail its hours by cutting out the 1st hour? After discussion, the consensus was that we should not.
2. One member was concerned that the YL System was using too much technology, and was getting away from being a radio system. It was stated by several members that ham radio is changing, with the digital, tv, etc. The only technology that the YL System uses is Net Logger. Net Logger allows the System to operate more smoothly, and does not usurp the role of the radio. Contacts must be made using the radio.
3. The issue was raised of adding the birth month of members to the YL System Database. Bob replied that it could be done, but would be a herculean task, and he would need help doing the data entry. It was stated that having the birth month on the data base would make obtaining the award for that month too easy. It was suggested that we change the requirements for the award, and that way, birth months would not be required. Concern was expressed about privacy issues. And, Randy K4KRK stated that only one person had applied for that award last year. Bobbie asked for a vote, Gloria K4DXM seconded, the motion to add birth month to the database was defeated.
4. Randy raised the issue of several awards that need updating. This matter was deferred until the Board meeting.
5. The issue was raised as to who could make changes to the YL System database. Bob replied that only he or his assistant (if he had one) could. It was suggested that we revamp our Policy and Procedures Manual to include information for controls as to how they should use Net Logger and the data base.
6. It was brought to our attention that many applicants for membership use Paypal to send in their money, but are not correctly using the application form. Thus, the treasurer receives the money, but must track down the applicant. Jim and Bill will work on this issue, and hopefully be able to clarify for use of applicants.
7. A discussion was held regarding the change of controls. When using Skype, those that are not on Skype sometimes do not know who has control. It was suggested that when passing control, it is made clear on the radio who you are passing control to.
8. Jim raised the issue of members that change their e-mail address, or mailing address, and do not let the System know. Without that information, important communications are lost.
9. New member Jim, KE9PK expressed his appreciation to Larry, AG5Z, for his welcome to the YL System.
10. The history of the YL System was discussed. Our Historian is in poor health, and concern was expressed about the historical record that now resides in PA. Bobbie will talk to our Historian.
11. Bobbie showed a painting that George, AA4GT had given her. It was of our first logo. It will be given to the historian for keeping.
12. Bobbie read a letter from Barbara, KE5ZI. Barbara expressed her regrets at missing the convention. Barbara also included a patch with our former logo, and some collectors' item QSL post cards. She was in Alaska for the 1964 earthquake.
13. Rose raised the issue of holding the 2019 Convention in Fairbanks, AK. It was well received, and will be discussed at the Board Meeting.

NC4RP Bob moved to close the workshop. Gloria, K4DXM seconded, carried. Workshop closed at 3:09 PM