



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, 11 October 2018

Minutes from the October 2018 General Meeting

President/KG5SDD called the meeting to order at 1930. Vice-President/WG1GEM, Treasurer/KG5YRW, Adviser/N5TLT, Historian/W5QZ, Secretary/KE0MXN were also present, although Secretary/KE0MXN and Treasurer/KG5YRW were performing other duties at the start of the meeting and arrived at 1941. Fifteen persons in total were present: one honorary (and former) member, one TAMSCAMS reciprocal member, two pending members, and 11 voting members (representing a quorum, which was certified by Jace / KE0MXN).

President's Report:

- **New Members:**
- Jacob / KG5SDD introduced Quinton Lawton/KG5SSL, who was present on behalf of the TAMU Storm Chasing Club (TAMSCAMS).

Secretary's Report:

- **MSC Spring Open House:** Jace / KE0MXN remarked that the MSC Spring Open House registration has begun, and W5AC will need to register for it. The club decided to try to be placed inside the MSC for this open house.
- **Meeting Minutes:** See the motions and votes section.
- **Constitutional Amendment:** See the motions and votes section.
- **Belton:** W5AC received a CW paddle at the Belton Amateur Radio Expo! the previous weekend.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Student Activities:** Max / KG5YRW noted that the account statements had not yet been posted. The dues generated from the September Meeting came to be 360\$, which should bring the balances for the W5AC accounts to be: Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club: \$2033.71 (approx. \$2393.71 after the addition of the dues), Amateur Radio Test Fees for ARRL: \$21.40, Donation: \$430.31.

Vice-President's Report:

- **T-Shirts:** Connor / WG1GEM noted that W5AC is yet to order T-Shirts. W5AC needs to spend approximately \$250-\$300 to obtain the shirts. The design is the same as last year, although Dave / W5QZ suggested that the line on the bottom should read "Old Army Wireless." The club is deciding between C.C. Creations and ToughShirts (the cost per shirt would be \$8-9).



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- **Soda Mess:** Connor / WG1GEM asks that the club keep to drinks and not food, a few too many bugs are in the shack. Trash was left in the shack prior to the meeting, so all trash should be taken to the dumpster whenever someone leaves.

Director of Repeater Operation's Report:

- Marty / W5MHN delivered the report on behalf of Matt / KG5VGM. Matt will be in town in a couple of weeks
- **AllStar:** Matt/ KG5VGM and Connor / WG1GEM will work on getting AllStar attached to the current repeater in the coming weeks.
- **146.820** Kevin / N5TLT and Connor / WG1GEM et al. will begin repairs on the 146.820 repeater and have been in contact with the Rumsfields and the meteorology department for the repair.

QSL Manager's Report:

- **QSL Cards:** Marty/W5MHN noted that W5AC received one QSL card last month.
- **Entities Worked:** The entities worked and the confirmed entities remain the same. 310 worked, 307 confirmed.
- **Bulletin Board:** No director of operations, so Marty / W5MHN has posted the DXCC list, "The List," the QSL Report, the Contest Corral, weekly DX news, propagation listing, W1AW schedule, and ARRL Awards on the bulletin board.
- **Ducie:** W5MHN noted that Ducie Island will be on the air from 20 October - 3 November, and this is one entity the club has on "The List"
- **HF interoperability ALE:** W5MHN pointed out that there will be an interoperability exercise this month for ALE should anyone wish to participate.
- **QSL Cards:** Jacob / KG5SDD reminded the club that getting more QSL cards would be great, so anyone wanting HF experience should try to work some stations this year, especially during contests. November sweepstakes is an upcoming contest, as is SCR.

Historian's Report

- Dave / W5QZ remarked that he has a 1x2 call which is not a vanity, probably one of the few left
- **Belton:** Met several W5AC alumni (those in the DX picture in the shack) who drove through five states with W5AC on Field Day and in Mississippi (where gas was 0.569\$ per gallon at the DX station in the photo).
- **Logo:** Dave / W5QZ presented a shirt with the old W5AC logo which he designed which was in use at the time of the DX photo. DX station signs are worth \$25,000 approximately for a third of the size of the one in the W5AC photo.



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- **Pirates (Slims):** Dave / W5QZ talked to the club about the stations he has worked, including a North Korean *slim* (someone who is operating a station as if it were DX, but is not DXing or is unauthorized) which the North Korean government refuses to verify.

Motions and Votes

- **Davis / KF5ZPP** motioned to pass the September Meeting Minutes, Dave / W5QZ requested that the minutes be updated to reflect the 2018 members roster. The vote was passed without opposition. The quorum requirement of 6 members was met and certified by Jace / KE0MXN.
- **Davis / KF5ZPP** motioned to pass the constitutional amendment as written. The vote was passed without opposition. The quorum requirement of 6 members was met and certified by Jace / KE0MXN.
- **Davis / KF5ZPP** motioned to authorize the spending of between \$250 and \$300 to acquire T-Shirts to sell to members for \$10 and at Belton for between \$15 and \$20 dollars. The vote was passed without opposition. The quorum requirement of 6 members was met and certified by Jace / KE0MXN.
- **Dave / W5QZ** motioned to authorize the spending of between \$150 and \$200 on the purchase of an RSP and Balun for the remote receiving station to be used by W5AC for operating during the SCR and to improve the DXCC numbers, to be installed at Dave's Shack. The vote was passed without opposition. The quorum requirement of 6 members was met and certified by Jace / KE0MXN.

Club Business

- **School Club Roundup:** The ARRL School Club Roundup will be next week. Dave / W5QZ asked whether the club would work for points or just when available, and noted that there will be better times than others to work stations. Jacob / KG5SDD noted that FT8 and PSK31 will be the better options for W5AC this year.
- **Antenna Repair:** Dave / W5QZ remarked that the antenna needs a dry ground with few weeds, so the club ought to clear out the back landscape and wait for a dry day in order to troubleshoot the antenna. The 20-10 Force 12 is working, however, the rotor is not. Marty / W5MHN's hanging dipole should suffice for the SCR.
- **Repeater:** See Director of Repeater Operation's report.
- **W5BCS Meeting:** W5AC's sister club, W5BCS, will have a meeting on 20 October 2018 at 930 at the USDA building.
- **W5BCS Radio in the Park:** W5AC's sister club, W5BCS, will have a radio in the park day on 13 October 2018 from 1000 to 1400 at Tanglewood Park.

Next Meeting: The next general club meeting shall be on Thursday, 08 November 2018 at 1930.



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Adjourn: Davis / KF5ZPP motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2011. The meeting adjourned at 2012.

Presentation: Stephen Hicks / N5AC, representative from Flex Radio Systems, past W5AC member, and current Honorary W5AC member, presented on Flex Radio, the Electrical Engineering industry, and his career for W5AC members. W5AC thanks him for his support and for the visit.

Testing Session: W5AC held a testing session following the meeting. Four elements were passed, and five elements were taken by five members. W5AC congratulates Alex Olah and Patrick Manning on passing their E2 exams and becoming technicians, Donald Arnold / KI5BPM and Corder Guy / W5RHT for passing their E3 exams and becoming generals. W5AC also commends Max / KG5YRW on almost passing his E4 / extra exam. Callsigns have yet to be issued for Alex and Patrick.

Respectively submitted,

Jace Nelson / KE0MXN

TAMU ARC Secretary



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Callsign Index (2018):

Name	Callsign	
Alexander Olah	(Pending)	
Patrick Manning	(Pending)	
Joshua Shaffer	AG5JH	
Jace Nelson	KE0MXN	
Chris Gillett	KF5IBA	
Davis Hutto	KF5ZPP	
Jacob Morgan	KG5SDD	
Quinton Lawton	KG5SSL	Reciprocal
Matthew Conn	KG5VGM	
Max Witek	KG5YRW	
Santosh Ganji	KI5AVL	
Don Arnold	KI5BPM	
Daniel Ghan	KM4OPI	
Bill Preston	KZ3G	
Matthew Komitsky	N/A	
Steve Hicks	N5AC	Honorary
Kevin Glueck	N5TLT	
Martin Nau	W5MHN	
Dave Gent	W5QZ	
Corder Guy	W5RHT	
Connor Farrell	WG1GEM	