



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, 5 December, 2018

Minutes from the December 2018 General Meeting

President/KG5SDD called the meeting to order at 1929 USCST (UTC-6). Vice-President/WG1GEM, Treasurer/KG5YRW, Adviser/N5TLT, QSL Manager/W5MHN, and Secretary/KE0MXN were also present. There were thirteen voting members and three non-members present.

President's Report:

- **Moment of Silence:** W5AC held a moment of silence for former president George H.W. Bush
- **Welcome:** KG5SDD welcomed several visitors, notably, KI6KYX and Noah
- **State of the Club:** KG5SDD reported that the ramen in the mess hall was to be discarded at the conclusion of the meeting, because it expires before January, and because of a large influx of flying bugs in the shack. KG5SDD urged everyone to maintain cleanliness of the shack, including discarding trash in the dumpsters outside. Furthermore, the restroom will be emptied.
- **MSC Open House:** *See Old Business: MSC Open House*

Vice President's Report:

- **T-Shirts:** WG1GEM remarked that W5AC is still purchasing shirts for dispensing at the Spring Belton Hamfest.
- **YARC/YACHT net:** *See Director of Repeater Operation's Report*

Treasurer's Report:

- **Account Balances:** KG5YRW delivered a report on the state of the club's finances.

Secretary's Report:

- **November Minutes:** Jace/KE0MXN read the November meeting minutes.

Director of Repeater Operation's Report:

- **Nets:** WG1GEM remarked that W5AC has attempted to get local hams active on the W5AC VHF and UHF repeaters. One of the key methods is to have more nets. The YARC net (Sundays at 1900L) and YACHT net (Saturdays at 1900L) have been tethered to the repeater via Echolink over the past few weeks. The YARC net, however, will likely be discontinued until further notice on the W5AC repeater due to both a lack of use and a lack of proper decorum from net control stations on that particular net. Moreover, KE0MXN and WG1GEM reported that a new net, the *Reveille! Morning Net* will begin in January on every day with a T - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday - at 0730L. The regular weekly nets on Mondays at 2000L are done for the semester, and will return 21 January 2019. KZ3G mentioned that one good topic for the *Reveille! Morning Net* could



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be the Corps Uniform of the Day. W5RHT, WG1GEM, and KE0MXN are working to write new net material to improve the nets.

QSL Manager's Report:

- **DXCC:** W5MHN reported that no changes to the DXCC list occurred since the November Meeting. Cambodia will be on the air until 14 December.
- **QSL Cards:** No QSL cards were received.

Historian's Report:

- **Football Game:** W5QZ was not present due to prior obligations. In his absence the EC read excerpts from an article about the 1921 "Broadcasting at Bolton Hall" forwarded by W5QZ from the Texas A&M Foundation. W5QZ noted that some details are missing from the report, and intends to fill W5AC in at the January 2019 meeting.

Motions and Votes

- **November Meeting Minutes:** The November meeting minutes were first amended to better reflect the loss of the subnet in the *Eller Oceanography and Meteorology building*, and then passed without opposition. The quorum requirement of seven members was certified by KE0MXN
- **Constitutional Amendments:** Three constitutional amendments were read. The first amendment, to strike "who reside greater than 25 miles from the TAMU campus." from article 7, section 2 "Dues for non-Voting Membership" was taken up and will be voted upon at the January 2019 business meeting. The second amendment, to alter the membership prices, was tabled indefinitely. The third amendment, to allow for temporary alteration of the constitution in the event it becomes necessary, was moved to a committee for further refinement. The quorum requirement of seven members was certified by KE0MXN.

Club Business

Old Business

- **Remote Receiver:** Nothing to report.
- **CQ Muster (also, the *HF NET*):** KE0MXN and WG1GEM had emailed out a survey, and W5A was chosen as the Special Event Station callsign. The CQ Muster will be held from 19-22 April 2019. N5TLT asked for volunteers to develop CQ Muster, although no one volunteered. W5MHN suggested obtaining the subdomain muster.w5ac.tamu.edu for information pertinent to the CQ Muster event. WG1GEM and KE0MXN noted that CQ Muster ought to be published in pertinent magazines relatively soon. This current basic schedule plan was proposed: 0900-1700L on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with various modes on HF during this time. At 1800L on Sunday, have the HF net (conditions



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permitting), and then continue at-will until campus Muster on Monday. W5MHN noted that W5AC ought to promise low and provide high for this event.

- **Open House:** KG5SDD noted that W5AC would likely be indoors on the main floor for the Spring MSC Open House on 20 January 2019 from 1300-1700L. KG5SDD noted that the bill for the open house had been paid. WG1GEM, KG5SDD et al. remarked that bringing a FlexRadio Maestro to the table for exhibit will be nice, although an SDR would also work, especially for ADSB. KG5VGM and KG5YRW both have satellite equipment if W5AC ends up outside. KE0MXN, KZ3G, and KG5SDD et al. noted that W5AC ought to advertise the Foxhunt at the Open House to help ensure new members get involved.
- **Foxhunt:** WG1GEM and KE0MXN remarked that W5AC will host a Foxhunt on 21 January 2019. If enough interest develops, W5AC may hold more regular “Foxhunt Fridays”. W5AC still needs to coordinate with UPD. WG1GEM also remarked that the ATMO department sends radiosondes out on weather balloons on occasion, which would be a perfect way for W5AC to hone ARDF skills, and that W5AC could keep the radiosondes if W5AC wished. KZ3G quipped that there is a worldwide contest in California that W5AC could begin to practice for.
- **Testing Sessions:** N5TLT mentioned that W5AC ought to find a way to secure payment for the mailings needed for Laurel VEC testing, and/or reduce the number of exam sessions. KG5SDD is currently paying out of pocket.
- **Openings:** W5AC is looking for a Director of Operations position candidate, Director of Public Relations candidate, and Director of Traffic Handling candidate. Marty/W5MHN remarked that posting someone into the last position would make W5AC more active as someone would be at the shack nearly every night. Anyone wishing to apply for these positions may email clubofficers@w5ac.tamu.edu or notify any of the officers of their intent.

New Business

See “Motions and Votes”

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- **10 Meter Contest:** 8-9 December, there will be the ARRL 10 meter contest. Interested parties should visit the ARRL website for more information.
- **Rookie Roundup:** 15-16 December, any recently licensed hams may compete in this event. Again, interested parties should visit the ARRL website for more information.
- **Security:** W5MHN et al. emphasized that anyone parking for any period of time at the Shack ought to remove their valuables from their cars, especially after an



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incident last month.

- **January Meeting:** As school will not be in session on 10 January 2019, the January 2019 meeting has been moved to 17 January 2019 at the usual 1930L in the Shack.
- **W5BCS Meeting:** The W5BCS meeting will be held at the USDA building on 15 December 2018 at 0930L.
- **Corps of Cadets and Boy Scouts:** KZ3G mentioned that W5AC ought to recruit Corps members, and to possibly consider presenting to the Corps leadership on the value of amateur radio. KE0MXN noted that Alpha Phi Omega was hosting a Boy Scout's badge-earning event, which W5AC may in the future use to recruit new members and help scouts earn their radio badge. Although APO did not have the ability to support the radio badge this year, and W5AC members wishing to volunteer should contact [Edward](#)

Adjourn: N5TLT motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2044 USCST (UTC-6). The meeting adjourned at 2044. The next meeting will be held on 17 January 2019 at 1930 USCST (UTC-6) at the shack.

Presentation: No presentation was held for this meeting due to finals.

Testing Session: No testing session was held for this meeting due to finals.

Respectively submitted,

Jace Nelson / KE0MXN

TAMU ARC Secretary



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Callsign Index (2018):

Name	Callsign
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Patrick Manning	KI5BVI
Joshua Shaffer	AG5JH
Jace Nelson	KE0MXN
Chris Gillett	KF5IBA
Davis Hutto	KF5ZPP
Jacob Morgan	KG5SDD
Quinton Lawton	KG5SSL
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
Kevin Glueck	N5TLT
Martin Nau	W5MHN
Dave Gent	W5QZ
Corder Guy	W5RHT
Connor Farrell	WG1GEM
Garrick Van Rensburg	N/A
Mike Mertes	KZ5M
Max Lesser	KG5HZE
Robert Preston	KI6KYX
Michael Asher Nelson	N/A