



W5AC

## Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, 23 January 2020

### Minutes from the January 2020 General Business Meeting

President/WG1GEM called the meeting to order at 1933L, Vice President/KG5SDD, Treasurer/KG5YRW, Secretary/KE0MXN, and Advisor/N5TLT were also present. Nineteen voting members, two non-voting members, and three guests were physically present.

#### Officer Reports

- **President's Report**
  - **Introductions:** WG1GEM had all members introduce themselves and noted that there was a test session before the meeting.
  - **Weekend Projects:** WG1GEM noted that the club will work on a number of projects over the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Winter Field Day:** WG1GEM noted that if anyone wants to set up a station at the shack, there may be an HF station at O&M on the roof to set up.
- **Vice President's Report**
  - **Presentations:** KG5SDD noted that W5AC needs presentations for this semester. KE5MUX volunteered to present on the MS150 for February.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - *See "Motions and Votes".*
- **Secretary's Report**
  - *See "Motions and Votes".*

#### Director Reports

- **QSL Manager's Report**
  - **Kansas QSO Party:** KI5CWD passed around the Kansas QSO Party stamps.
- **Director of Operations' Report**
  - **School Club Roundup:** KI5BVJ noted that SCR will be from 10-14 February 2020.
  - **Texas State Parks on the Air:** KI5BVJ noted that we have invited N5XU to participate in TSPOTA with us on 18-19 April.
- **Historian's Report**
  - **Elmer Groups:** W5QZ noted that the chief engineer at Marconi, Elmer Musche, wrote many books about getting started in amateur radio (wireless telegraphy).
  - **Foxhole radios:** W5QZ discussed building foxhole radios and their history.
  - **Three Letter Calls:** W5QZ polled the club on their knowledge of various three-and-four letter calls beginning with W, and noted the significance of having W-prefix callsigns west of the Mississippi river.

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- **Director of Repeater Operations' Report**
  - *Nothing to report.*
- **Website Manager's Report**
  - *Not Present*

### December Recap

- **Flood:** KG5VGM and KG5SDD noted that the shack flooded over break, but thankfully maintenance responded quickly after the pair came in. Maintenance brought two dehumidifiers. KG5VGM asks the members of the club to empty the dehumidifiers when they go to the shack. KI5CLW asked whether the club would have a deep clean, and N5TLT responded that he could send a request to the university. N5TLT also noted that the pipes may have gotten cold, although they are wrapped. *See Motions and Votes.* N5TLT also told the club that United Methodist has their sale in the spring and that they may have good vacuums for cheap.
- **Rotor Lockout:** KI6KYX noted that he is building a keyswitch into the rotor controller and that the key will be added to the keychain for those who have access. KZ3G noted that the club ought to have rotor training sessions and radio training sessions to get people familiar. N5TLT noted that the bylaws ought to include a procedure for training. *See Motions and Votes.*
- **Lab:** KG5HZE noted that the lab has been cleaned up, but that there is also still much to do. KG5HZE asks all members to keep the lab clean and return tools to their rightful place. KG5YRW noted that he will make a list of things to purchase for the shack and share it. W5QZ noted that if the club doesn't find good test equipment by Dayton Hamfest, he can look for some there. He also asked whether the club wanted all-new or refurbished test equipment.
- **Field Day:** W5BCS, at their January meeting, invited W5AC to participate with them again during June Field Day.

### Motions and Votes:

- **Treasurer's Report:** KG5YRW read the treasurer's report, which KG5HZE motioned to accept and which KI5CLW seconded. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **December Meeting Minutes:** WG1GEM noted that the minutes were sent out over the listserv. The minutes were not delivered. KG5HZE motioned to accept the minutes and KI5CLW seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **T-Shirts:** WG1GEM presented a shirt design for the club. N5TLT motioned to accept the design as presented, and KI5GIH seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **Rotor Lockout:** KI5GIH motioned for KI6KYX to continue with the lockout as presented, and KG5HZE seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

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- **Cleanup:** A motion was brought by KG5HZE et al to test Max's rug doctor, and that if it works well, the club would spend \$300 to purchase a used one from Home Depot if they are similar. N5TLT seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **March Meeting:** KG5INI motioned to move the March meeting to 05 March 2020 at 19:30. KI5CWD seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

### Good of the Order:

- **School Club Roundup:** KE0MXN noted that the club had done decently well in the past SCR, and that SCR begins prior to the February meeting. He further commented that a signup email will be distributed eventually. KG5HZE noted that having two or three people continuously would be a good idea. KI5GIH expressed concern that they had not been to an SCR yet and wanted help. W5QZ et al noted that having a practice before next meeting is in order, as W5AC likely has one of the largest memberships of any college club. KI5HDS noted that the O&M HF project might give us even more height with which to work.
- **Donations.** N5TLT noted that his father might donate some equipment to the shack.

**Adjourn:** At 2040L, multiple people motioned to adjourn the meeting until 13 February 2020 at 1930L. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2040L.

**Presentation:** W5QZ presented on foxhole radios.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jace Nelson / KE0MXN  
W5AC Secretary



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### Callsign Index:

KE0MXN Jace Nelson

KE5ISM Eric Laird

KE5MUX Theresa Williams

KG5INI Nick Petta

KG5HZE Max Lesser

KG5SDD Jacob Morgan

KG5YRW Max Witek

KI5BVJ Alex Olah

KI5CLW Alex Hueselbusch

KI5CWD Emily Newby

KI5DRO Robert Filloramo

KI5GIH Michael Nelson

KI6KYX Robert Preston

KZ3G Bill Preston

N5TLT Kevin Glueck

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W5BCS Bryan Amateur Radio Club

W5MHN Marty Nau

W5QZ David Gent

WA5MWD David Cheek

WG1GEM Connor Farrell

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