



W5AC

Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, 05 March 2020

Minutes from the March 2020 General Business Meeting

President/WG1GEM called the meeting to order at 1938L, Treasurer/KG5YRW, Secretary/KE0MXN, and Advisor/N5TLT were also present. Thirteen 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.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - *Not present.*
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - *See "Motions and Votes".*
- **Secretary's Report**
 - *See "Motions and Votes".*

Director Reports

- **QSL Manager's Report**
 - **Montenegro:** W5QZ noted that the club worked Montenegro for School Club Roundup.
- **Director of Operations' Report**
 - **Texas State Parks on the Air:** KI5BVJ noted that W5AC has invited N5XU to participate in TSPOTA and that N5XU is discussing the topic. WG1GEM noted that a form will be sent out for TSPOTA signup. KG5YRW remarked that the link will be sent out by ListServ when ready.
 - **Belton:** KI5BVJ noted that Belton Ham Expo! Is on the 14th of March, and WG1GEM responded that anyone who did not get a chance to sign up online should contact him immediately.
- **Historian's Report**
 - **Elmer Groups:**
 - **Foxhunt:** W5QZ noted that the foxhunt group had met two Fridays before the meeting and that the triangulation idea worked well. He also asked if anyone had ideas for how to hide a transmitter in plain sight without causing worry.
 - **Radios:** W5QZ noted that the radio group had met one Friday before the meeting and that the group had explored a vacuum tube radio.
 - **T-shirts:** W5QZ passed around a 70s-era W5AC t-shirt and explained that the imprinted laundry mark number on the coattail was for the campus-wide laundry distribution.
 - **Radio Battery:** W5QZ passed around a Zenith radio battery with 9V and 90V terminals.
 - **Branch Campuses:** W5QZ noted that W5AMC represented one of A&M's branch campuses, but that the club should reach out to all of the TAMUS schools to see about starting radio clubs at each.

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- **Director of Repeater Operations' Report**
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **Website Manager's Report**
 - **Website:** KI5HDS and WG1GEM noted that the website overhaul is being worked on and may be previewed at <http://w5ac-dev.tamu.edu> (on campus only).

Club Business

- **Wall:** WG1GEM noted that the wall is not removed.
- **Repeater:** WG1GEM noted that the repeater is not dead yet, but that he expects it to fail over spring break.
- **Belton:** KG5YRW noted that he will build an acrylic donation box for Belton so that people may vote with money for which club project(s) should receive attention first. W5QZ noted that the club should bring something for them to sign. N5TLT noted that he would print a picture at Langford if asked to.
- **Page of Projects:** WG1GEM instructed KE0MXN to prepare a listing of projects on a handout for Belton Ham Expo!.
- **Field Day:** KI5DUJ noted that W5BCS invited W5AC to attend Field Day and run the GOTA station like for last year's Field Day. He remarked that Field Day will be different this year, but the same great bar-b-que dinner will still be there. He further remarked that there will be a merit badge for Boy Scouts. He asked that W5AC bring up a backup radio as many were confused by the Flex 6700 and that they were down for a few hours last year because there weren't any radios working.
- **Elections:** WG1GEM noted that club elections will be in April, so the club will need to take nominations now and will need to appoint an election commissioner. *See "Motions and Votes".*

February Recap

- **Lab:** KG5YRW noted that the lab restock list still exists and asked members to keep a lookout on deals. N5TLT noted that some items on the list may be granted soon.
- **Rotor Lockout:** KI6KYX noted that the rotor lockout is still a work in progress.
- **O&M Radio:** WG1GEM noted that the HF radio station was installed in O&M and that TAMSCAMS has a club callsign.

Motions and Votes:

- **Club T-Shirt Funding:** WG1GEM and W5QZ discussed t-shirts and noted that the price break was at 48 shirts. KG5YRW asked if the club would order 48 shirts to sell at Belton with expedited processing. WG1GEM noted that the price will be around \$850. KG5YRW motioned to advance up to \$900 for club-branded t-shirts to sell at Belton without setting a price at which to sell the shirts. KG5HZE seconded the motion, and the motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **Mike Fossum:** KZ3G asked if the club would bestow honorary affiliate membership on Mike Fossum, KF5AQG. KZ3G motioned to make KF5AQG an honorary member, W5QZ seconded the

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motion, and the motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

- **Treasurer's Report:** KG5YRW read the treasurer's report, which KE5MUX motioned to accept and which KI5BVJ seconded. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **February Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were not read as they were sent out over the listserv. N5TLT motioned to accept the minutes and KI5HDS seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **Election Commissioner:** WG1GEM noted that KI5CLW had volunteered to run the elections for the club this year. KI5HDS motioned to make KI5CLW the election commissioner, and KE5MUX seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **Movie Night:** KG5HZE motioned to make the Friday after spring break (20 March 2020) a movie night at the shack, and KE0MXN seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

Good of the Order:

- **Tower:** WG1GEM noted that the tower will need to come down to swap dipoles and take the ropes off of the dipole since the rotor appears to be working. KG5HZE noted that a cotter pin should be installed on the tower's locking pin as it has slowly come out since the tower was last tipped over.
- **Free Tower:** KE5MUX noted that there is a 24' tower free to a good home in Houston. Anyone interested in the tower should contact her for more details.
- **Houston Hamfest:** WG1GEM noted that Houston Hamfest will be on 07 March 2020 and that anyone interested in attending should contact KE5MUX.
- **Storage Room:** WG1GEM noted that the storage room still needs to be cleaned.
- **Scholarships:** W5QZ noted that scholarships are available for the club.
- **Movie Night:** KI5BVJ noted on behalf of KI5GOK that there will be a movie night after spring break. See "*Motions and Votes*".

Adjourn: At 2051L, N5TLT motioned to adjourn the meeting until 09 April 2020 at 1930L. KI5HDS seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2051L.

Presentation: W5QZ presented on DC to AC vibes and how to use them.

Respectfully submitted,
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W5AC Secretary

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KG5SDD Jacob Morgan

KG5YRW Max Witek

KI5BVJ Alex Olah

KI5CLW Alex Hueselbusch

KI5CWD Emily Newby

KI5DRO Robert Filloramo

KI5DUJ Richard Pfeil

KI5GIH Michael Nelson

KI6KYX Robert Preston

KZ3G Bill Preston

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W5QZ David Gent

WA5MWD David Cheek

WG1GEM Connor Farrell

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