



W5AC

Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, 14 May 2020

Minutes from the May 2020 General Business Meeting

President/WG1GEM called the meeting to order at 1931L, Vice President/KG5SDD, Secretary/KE0MXN, and Advisor/N5TLT were also present. Twelve voting members and four guests were virtually present.

Officer Reports

- **President's Report**
 - **Tower:** WG1GEM noted that the university and Heights have left the club to its own devices on replacing the tower.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - **Tower:** KG5SDD emphasized what WG1GEM said.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - *Not present, delivered by WG1GEM in KG5YRW's absence.*
 - **Donations:** WG1GEM thanked those who donated to the club.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - *See "Motions and Votes".*

Director Reports

- **QSL Manager's Report**
 - *Not present.*
- **Director of Operations' Report**
 - **School Club Roundup:** KI5BVJ noted that the club placed first place overall and in the collegiate division in the School Club Roundup with 189,943 points.
 - **Summer Events:** KI5BVJ noted that coronavirus cancelled the club's plans for the summer.
- **Historian's Report**
 - **Social Distancing:** W5QZ received ARRL Film Library tape about how things were done in the 70s. Would like to present them at a real meeting at some time. Also demonstrates change to advertising (Halcrafters).
 - **QSL Cards:** W5QZ was given two cards to check. The ARRL has shut down, but the cards have been checked and the club has been given credit for Dutch Sint Maarten and Monaco. The club needs to reimburse funds for card checking.
- **Director of Repeater Operations' Report**
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **Website Manager's Report**
 - **Website:** KI5HDS was just given permission to update the website. The only changes before this meeting were minutes. Still looking for pictures of the shack for the website.
- **Election Commissioner's Report**
 - *See Club Business.*

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Club Business

- **Elections:** KI5CLW conducted the election. The officers for the 2020-2021 year are, as determined by KI5CLW at 20:30 central standard time:
 - *For President:* Connor Farrell WG1GEM
 - *For Vice President:* Max Lesser KG5HZE
 - *For Secretary:* Jace Nelson KE0MXN
 - *For Treasurer:* Alex Olah, KI5BVJ
- **Endowment:** WG1GEM noted that several individuals have asked for the club to consider an endowment for problematic times or yearly expenses. The club is discussing this with the A&M foundation. The process is as follows: the club has five years to find at least \$25,000 for the endowment. When it's fully funded, the endowment reaches maturity in 12-18 months. Then there is a development fee for the endowment, after which dividends may be payable. As long as the club exists and the university exists, the endowment can pay dividends around 4%. If \$25,000 is not raised in five years the foundation may adjust what occurs. Once at \$25,000, the club could add funds to the endowment. *See Motions and Votes.*
- **Equipment:** W5XTT asked whether the club could sell and keep revenue or lease equipment. N5TLT answered that there are some possibilities, but W5AC couldn't sell equipment from surplus.
- **Remote Radio Project:** The remote station (Flex 6700) has been set up. The only antenna it has on it is a 40-meter dipole. Access will be determined in due time.
- **Tower:** University has not informed the club about the price of a new tower and antenna. The club is also waiting for a response from Rohn Engineering. The club has been offered a Hustler Vertical antenna in the meantime.

Motions and Votes:

- **Treasurer's Report:** WG1GEM read the treasurer's report, which KG5VGM motioned to accept and which KE5MUX seconded. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **April Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were recapped as they were sent out over the listserv. KE5MUX motioned to accept the minutes and N5TLT seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **Endowment:** WG1GEM asked for a motion for the EC to continue working towards an endowment and begin fundraising for it. KG5INI motioned to accept the motion and KG5VGM seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **Open Business:** WG1GEM asked for a motion for all outstanding business other than the election to be closed out. KI5CLW motioned to accept the motion and N5TLT seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

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Good of the Order:

- **W5BCS Meeting:** W5BCS' meeting will be on 16 May 2020 at 0930L.
- **Echolink:** The club's Echolink node is now W5AC-R. Please use W5AC-R instead of N5BVS-R. There's also a nice introduction on it.
- **Skywarn:** Back in BCS, when there is a Skywarn activation and a warning, a net will be on 443.425, the KD5DLW machine. Take Skywarn class online.
- **Laurel VEC:** Laurel VEC is trying out computer-based exams.

Adjourn: At 2032L, KG5VGM motioned to adjourn the meeting. KI5CLW seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2033L.

Presentation: *No presentation.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jace Nelson / KE0MXN
W5AC Secretary



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KE5ISM Eric Laird

KE5MUX Theresa Williams

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KF5JIM Paul Shattenberg

KF5ZHE Trent Owens

KG5AI Myles Barkman

KG5EYV/SK Mark Hnatiuk

KG5INI Nick Petta

KG5HZE Max Lesser

KG5SDD Jacob Morgan

KG5VGM Matt Conn

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

M3FGR Dave Rootes

N5TLT Kevin Glueck

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W5MHN Marty Nau

W5QZ David Gent

W5XTT Tom Talley

WA5MWD David Cheek

WG1GEM Connor Farrell

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