



Thursday, September 7, 2023

Meeting Minutes from September 2023 General Business Meeting

President/KL4LJ called the meeting to order at 19:30 (UTC-5). Vice President/AE5ID, Secretary/KT5KMF, Treasurer/KI5YBE, and at least 8 other voting members were present.

Officer Reports

- **President's Report**
 - Hudson (KL4LJ) presented on Belton Hamfest on October 7th, the solar eclipse on October 14th and the citizen science project W5AC will be participating in, and the SEC QSO party, a contest among SEC school club stations.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - Ian (AE5ID) presented on the grant received by W5AC for repeater repair over the summer as well as the current state of the repeater.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - Katherine (KT5KMF) noted past meeting minutes were uploaded to the website.
Motioned by Elliott and Seconded by Jerry
In favor: Krista, Anton, Jerry, Dr. Nowka, Mike, Bill, Sanjay, Elliott, Hudson, Ian, Nayab, Katherine
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Nayab (KI5YBE) presented the Treasurer's report and current account balances:
General (00000) – \$661.66
Marketplace (30000) – \$284.88
Foundation (99999) – \$1079.74
As of 09/05/2023
*Note that a \$204.00 payment is pending.
Motioned by Jerry and Seconded by Krista
In favor: Krista, Anton, Jerry, Dr. Nowka, Mike, Bill, Sanjay, Elliott, Hudson, Ian, Nayab, Katherine



Club Business

- **Upcoming Events**

- September VHF – September 9-11th
- Belton Hamfest – October 7th
- Collegiate QSO Party – October 7-8th
- Solar Eclipse QSO Party – October 14th
- School Club Roundup – October 16-20th
- SEC Championship QSO Party – Dec. 1-3

- **Constitution Revision**

- A summary of the revisions was reviewed with the membership (included at the end of this document)
- Motion to change the wording of 4.1.1 - withdrawn
Motioned by Krista, Seconded by Bill, motion withdrawn
- Motion to strike trustee holding extra class (4.3) - passes
Motioned by Sanjay, Seconded by Krista
In favor: Krista, Jerry, Bill, Mike, Hudson, Ian, Nayab, Katherine
- Motion for the trustee section changes (4.3) - passes
Motioned by Mike, Seconded by Elliott
In favor: Krista, Anton, Jerry, Dr. Nowka, Mike, Bill, Sanjay, Elliott, Hudson, Ian, Nayab, Katherine
- Motion to specify voting membership when conducting a vote (Article 6) - passes
Motioned by Sanjay, Seconded by Elliott
In favor: Krista, Jerry, Dr. Nowka, Mike, Bill, Sanjay, Elliott, Hudson, Ian, Nayab, Katherine
- Motion to change referendum process (6.2) - passes
Motioned by Sanjay, Seconded by Krista
In favor: Krista, Jerry, Dr. Nowka, Mike, Bill, Sanjay, Elliott, Hudson, Ian, Nayab, Katherine
- Final vote to approve changes to constitution - passes
Motioned by Sanjay, Seconded by Bill
In favor: Krista, Jerry, Dr. Nowka, Mike, Bill, Sanjay, Elliott, Hudson, Ian, Nayab, Katherine

Motion to close by Jerry, Seconded by Sanjay

In favor: Krista, Jerry, Dr. Nowka, Mike, Bill, Sanjay, Elliott, Hudson, Ian, Nayab, Katherine



Fall 2023 Constitution Revision

Summary of Changes

Organized with references relative to new constitution, if referencing a section in the old constitution it will be specified as such

Highlighted are things we are not 100% sure about, please review these so we can debate and come to a consensus

Changes throughout:

- Make 'advisor' plural except when only one advisor is being referred to (e.g. **primary** advisor as tiebreaker)
- Specific timeframes for many procedures to avoid abuse by strategic delaying
- This is not the US Constitution, amendments are applied directly to the relevant text, not added to a separate section at the end
- Specify business meeting

Article 1: Names and Definitions

- 1.2: Added definitions for abbreviations and oft used terms
- 1.2.D: Define communication methods, to ensure information and announcements reach all members and interested parties

Article 2: Purpose and Goals

- 2.1: Previous scope was overbroad "and around the world" and too passive: 'interest' -> 'activity'
- 2.2: Aggies do not lie, cheat, nor steal the FCC's goals; we are not the FCC

Article 3: Membership

- 3: Advisors and trustee are liable for the club from the university's and the FCC's view respectively, therefore, they are members automatically at no cost
- 3.1-3.3 Membership info moved from old Article 7 (finances) and specific dues prices moved to bylaws for easier changes in the future

Article 4: Club Leadership:

- Previously just officers and directors, now includes separate trustee section and advisor section from old amendment 10.5
- **4.1.1: Advisor not required to regularly attend business meetings and executive committee meetings; however, required to meet with EC upon request by either party**
- 4.1.1.E: Advisor bound by constitution
- 4.1.2: Created formal process and timeframe for advisor removal by the general membership, based on officer removal protocol
- 4.2.2: Because of referenda system (more on this later), specify mandatory business meetings at the end of the spring semester for nomination and officer election

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- End of 4.2.5: reiterate the executive committee's unique role and the responsibility and the impeccable conduct that requires
- 4.3: Trustee removal must be done by a club vote in accordance with FCC regulation, see comment in Appendix A: Jurisprudence
- 4.4: Require that repeater manager and QSL manager directorships be filled
- 4.4: Directorship descriptions moved to Appendix B

Article 5: Removal Procedures

- 5.2: Appeal actions of Executive Committee to the Primary Advisor

Article 6: Meetings and Referenda

- 6.1: Lower business meeting requirement to 1 per semester, in addition to meetings required for elections
- 6.1: Define who can schedule or preside over meetings
- 6.2: Create a referendum process for conducting valid club votes outside of meetings
 - The goal here is to minimize boring business meetings and allow for flexibility in case things need to happen sooner than a regularly scheduled meeting like we had in the past
 - We have worded this to be as airtight against abuse as possible, but if you see any loopholes please give us suggestions for alternate wording
- 6.3: Quorum is calculated for each individual motion due to absentee voting.
- 6.4: Renamed from Proxies to Absentee Voting
- 6.4: Absentee votes count for purposes of quorum on that motion.

Article 7: Finances

- 7.1: Description of membership options and dues amounts moved elsewhere
- 7.2.1: Description of SOFC policy; really just yet another reminder so the president and/or treasurer don't forget and seriously screw up
- 7.2.2: Moved here from old amendment 10.3
- 7.2.3: Previously was buried in amendment 10.3 about emergency expenditures
- 7.3: Previously contained in amendment 10.3 about expenditures

Article 8: Revision of this Constitution

- 8.3: Reworded with the same requirements as before

Appendix A: Jurisprudence

- Added explanations for each article on why it doesn't do things the naive way.

Appendix B: Directorship Definitions

- Added definitions for all directorships. This is not a comprehensive list, but provides a starting point. Only the QSL manager and Repeater Director are required.

Bylaws Article 1: Dues

- Dues last one calendar year from date of joining, rather than
- Values to be determined at the meeting; for context, the dues haven't changed substantially since 2006 at the latest

Bylaws Article 2: Club Station Rules

- Merged exact frequency and band for logs to exact frequency during normal operation and band during contests.