



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, April 09, 2015

Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President KF5DXO called the meeting to order at 1906 and verified a quorum was present. Vice-President KF5TYT and Secretary/Treasurer KF5AZU were also present. There were 6 voting members, three non-voting members and one visitor present.

President's Report: KF5DXO conducted elections for club officer positions as the current individuals are graduating. The following slate was put forth after announcement and nominations at the previous meeting:

President: Yucheng Guo/KG5GDV
Vice-President: Mark Racciato/KF5TYT
Treasurer: Mark Racciato/KF5TYT
Secretary: Martin Nau/W5MHN

As there were no contested positions, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the slate by acclamation.

The Executive Committee appointed W5MHN as the QSL Manager.

Secretary's Report: KF5AZU reviewed the minutes from the March 2015 Monthly Business Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published - the motion passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: KF5AZU provided a brief summary of recent activity - dues received and deposited.

Old Business:

- a. The rotor is back. The repair facility made it look like new. Attached some mounting bolts and provided added strain relief to the control pigtail. KZ5M has rotor, control cable, and control unit. He will build connectors, install brake delay circuitry and bench test unit.
- b. The area around the W5AC shack has been surveyed and marked. N5TLT will keep an eye on the weather and after a nice rain or after a light rain and some watering of the ground, will send an email so that we can come in and drive the RF ground rod. He took extensive pictures so in the future as we require additional RF grounding rods driven we are OK.



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- c. The default access code to the shack is being turned off tonight. Going forward, club members will be issued a unique access code. N5TLT provided PINs to those present. Should you still require an access code, contact N5TLT.
- d. N5TLT stated there were some discrepancies with the invoice of the Force 12 antenna that he is pursuing and resolving.

New Business:

- a. Force 12 assembly: W5QZ volunteered to be trail boss for this project. There will be at least two parts to the project.
 - 1) On Wednesday, April 15, 2015, we will convene at the shack at 1100 to tip the tower and at a minimum measure vertical distances between ground and where the mast will be mounted as well as horizontal distances from centerline out to end of 40-meter elements. Should the rotor be back from bench testing, the crew will mount the plate, rotor, thrust bearing, and mast.
 - 2) On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, we will meet at the shack at 1500 to assemble the individual elements and boom. Final assembly and mounting will be another day yet to be determined.
- b. W5MHN will post a monthly contest calendar and listing of special event stations, and a weekly listing of DXpeditions on the cork board in the HF studio. He also spoke briefly of awards, the up-coming Belton hamfest, and the Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test scheduled for May.
- c. A Foxhunt is scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2015, at 1600. We will gather in front of Sully.

Next Meeting: The May Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Thursday, May 07, 2015 at 1900. Note: this is the **FIRST** Thursday of the month as finals and end-of-semester preclude the usual second Thursday.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1955.

Respectively Submitted:

Martin Nau/W5MHN
TAMU ARC Secretary