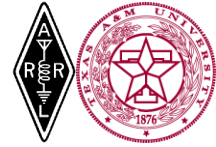




## W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, March 10, 2016

Draft Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President/KG5GDV called the meeting to order at 1930. Vice-President/KG5JYY, Treasurer/KG5JYZ and Secretary/W5MHN were also present. There were 10 voting members, 3 non-voting members and 3 visitors present. The quorum requirement was certified by W5MHN.

### **President's Report:**

- **Sewage/Water:** The EC is pursuing an estimate for sewage and water for the building. This would include refurbishment of the restrooms to bring them up to code and a new water heater. KG5GDV and N5TLT have held discussion with Mr Thomas Reber, AVPSA, and there exists the possibility that the University will be able help out with some of the funding for the project should we decide to pursue it. However, the club will have to explore fundraising options to cover what would remain outstanding. A quote is expected prior to the April meeting at which time the issue we be pursued further.
- **W5AC Shack/Building 8900 Signage:** KG5GDV led a discussion about acquiring / creating signage for the building. Currently, we have the bare minimum of signage (BLDG 8900). The EC is interested in having a more descriptive indication of the Shack. Inquiries with TAMU facilities yielded a quote of \$750.00 for something similar to building signs on campus which the EC rejected. After much discussions about what it would state and where it would be located, the club decided to mount the signage to the building instead of placing something off building. KE5ISM volunteered to get a quote through the maker space community in Bryan while KG5GDV would said he would pursue a quote via other means.

**Vice-Presidents Report:** NTR



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**Treasurer's Report:** KG5JYZ presented an overview of the state of the club's finances since last month and reported that a copy of the Treasurer's report will be posted to the W5AC Shack bulletin board for review.

**Secretary's Report:** W5MHN reviewed the minutes from the January 2016 Monthly Business Meeting. Motion from W5XTT, seconded by KG5GDV to accept the minutes as read - the motion passed on a voice vote.

**Station Trustee:** NTR

**QSL Manager's Report:** W5MHN reported that QSL cards were arriving from the SCR and presented the following updates:

**ARRL DXCC:** 309 mixed entities worked, 300 confirmed and 2 new slots filled in the band/mode matrix (307/295 last month). KG5GDV, assisted by KG5JYY, attached the 300 endorsement sticker to the club ARRL DXCC certificate. W5AC completed the first 100 entities and was awarded its DXCC certificate in 1967. Well done club! Additionally, the club was awarded a 20M certificate for contacting 100 DX entities on strictly on 20M.

**Director of Repeater Operations:** KZ5M reported he will reset the .82 machine as KG5GDV and W5XTT reported that they have heard it signing with a macro instead of the station call.

**Newsletter Editor:** W5XTT reported that he is working on the Spring Semester newsletter. Two of the articles will be the School Club Roundup results and the DXCC 300 endorsement. KG5GDV asked that W5XTT contact the Battalion about having a club article.

**NPOTA Standing Committee:** KG5JYZ reported 50 NPS entities confirmed on the Leader Board and 10 National Parks toward the Honor Roll (44/8 last month). To help support the ARRL and the NPSs 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the club will activate the El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail on March 26, 2016. We will



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meet at the shack at 09:00 and return around 15:00. The alternate dates in case of cancellation will be April 23 or April 16.

### Club Business:

### Old Business:

- a. **Winch/Rotator/TiltPlate:** W5MHN reported for W5QZ that the rotor was swapped out and returned for warranty work and the TiltPlate was installed. He further stated that tuning the antenna elements on all bands and checking the transmission lines and connectors still needed to be performed. The club wishes to thank the work party of KE5OGT, KF5TYT, KG5GDV, KM4OPI, KO5TER, W5MHN, W5QZ, KG5LYQ. The original winch is still being diagnosed by Heights Tower.
- b. **School Club Roundup:** KG5GDV presented a wrap up of the SCR. W5AC scored first in the College/University category. He passed around QSL cards that we have received from the event. This was followed by a brief discussion about holding a strategy session prior to the Fall SCR or assembling a committee to discuss. Thanks to W5QZ for conducting a training session for all operators and outfitting 5XB with contest quality radio equipment during the event. W5QZ has offered three separate \$1,000 donations to W5AC based upon the clubs final results in the SCR.

### New Business:

- a. **ARDF:** KG5GDV reported the Sixteenth USA National ARDF Championships will be held in Killeen, TX, April 6 - 10, 2016. The fun gets underway on Wednesday, April 6 with optional practice courses. Thursday will be devoted to foxoring, a sport that combines RDF and classic orienteering. The sprint event takes place on Friday followed by a catered lunch and informational meeting. Saturday is the classic two-meter ARDF competition with a catered lunch and an awards banquet in the evening. Then



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the 80-meter ARDF competition gets off to an early start on Sunday morning followed by another lunch and awards ceremony. Category winners of these championships will be under consideration for membership in ARDF Team USA 2016, which will travel to Albena, Bulgaria for the 18th ARDF World Championships in September 2016. A discussion of who might attend and which events followed.

- b. Tilt-Over Motor:** KG5GDV and N5TLT led a discussion about purchasing a tilt-over motor for the tower. The discussion resulted in a motion from N5TLT, seconded by KG5JYY, to spend no more than \$1500.00 on the motor. Motioned passed 10-0. N5TLT will take for action.
- c. Head Phone Amp:** W5XTT motioned and KG5JYY seconded that the club acquire an external head phone amplifier for use during contests and briefed the unit's functionality. During discussion, N5TLT stated that he has excess audio equipment and will check his inventory; if he has something equivalent, he will donate to the club. Motion is tabled pending N5TLT's report. The EC will address the issue if N5TLT does not have something to donate.
- d. EoY Social:** KG5GDV reported that based on surveys, club interest seems to be for a social/game night at the shack on an as yet to be determined Friday or Saturday in April. KG5GDV will promulgate a doodle to the listserve to determine preferences.
- e. Club Activities:** KG5GDV mentioned that the club holds weekly nets, foxhunts, and basic radio fundamentals and operations sessions. Discussions led to a preference to add Saturdays at 10:00 for an additional basic radio fundamentals and operations session. KG5GDV will facilitate the Saturday sessions.
- f. Recruitment:** W5XTT proposed that the club send out QSL cards and a certificate to other schools that W5AC worked during the SCR. W5XTT will draft a proposed certificate and forward to the EC, KG5GDV will prepare the QSL cards, and the W5MHN will mail them out. The club further discussed ways of adding to its role through TAMU students, Blinn students and community members.
- g. Elections:** Nominations for Club Officers will occur at the April meeting to be followed by elections at the May



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meeting. Valerie Castellano ([valerie.lynn25@tamu.edu](mailto:valerie.lynn25@tamu.edu)) volunteered to chair the nominations committee and run the elections at the May meeting. Anyone wishing to run for an office can send her an email stating which position they are seeking. At a minimum, the club requires a President and Secretary/ Treasurer to meet StuAct requirements. A description of each position and requirements are:

### President

- a. shall preside over regular and executive meetings
- b. shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and bylaws
- c. shall decide all questions of order during club meetings
- d. shall sign all official documents that are adopted by the executive committee and none other
- e. shall coordinate club activities
- f. shall communicate with the officers and advisors on all matters
- g. shall perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of president

### Vice President

- a. shall assist the president in all matters
- b. shall preside over meeting in the absence of the president
- c. shall arrange for all speakers and presentations at club meetings
- d. shall assume responsibilities of the president in the event that the president cannot perform his duties

### Secretary/Treasurer

- a. shall keep accurate records of all fiscal transactions
- b. shall present a fiscal report at all meetings
- c. shall perform all fiscal transactions including the receipt of dues, equipment purchases, and repairs in a timely manner
- d. shall keep accurate records of all meetings
- e. shall maintain a roster of members
- f. shall keep the Constitution and bylaws of the Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club, have the same with him at every regular meeting, cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon, and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request
- g. shall send correspondence of appreciation to outside individuals contributing any type of support to the club
- h. shall regularly check for correspondence directed to the club or to members of the club

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:



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- a. have at least a 2.00 overall GPR at the time of their election and post at least a 2.00 GPR for the preceding regular semester or the two preceding summer terms at the time of election and during the term of office;
- b. be in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit hours in a regular semester during the term of office; and
- c. be subject to removal from office by the organization and/or the organization's official University advisor should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).

Graduate students wishing to be officers of this organization shall:

- a. have at least a 3.00 overall GPR at the time of their election and post at least a 3.00 GPR for the preceding regular semester or the two preceding summer terms at the time of election and during the term of office;
- b. be in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least four (4) credit hours in a regular semester during the term of office; and
- c. be subject to removal from office by the organization and/or the organization's official University advisor should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).

### Good of the Order:

- a. **License Upgrades:** Congratulations to KG5JZA on upgrading to Extra Class, KG5LYR on acquiring General and to KG5LYQ for Technician.
- b. **Club T-Shirt:** KG5JYY reminded everyone that the club has T-Shirts for sale for \$10.

**Next Meeting:** The March Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 19:30.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 20:31.

Respectively submitted,

Martin Nau/W5MHN



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TAMU ARC Secretary



### Callsign Index:

AC5NB John Kliewer  
KE5ISM Eric Laird  
KE5OGT John Longoria  
KM4OPI Daniel Ghan  
KF5TYT Mark Racciato  
KG5GDV Yucheng Guo  
KG5JYY Kevin Saygi  
KG5JYZ Spencer Capps  
KG5LYQ Lucas Hastings  
KG5LYR Wes Hinton  
KZ5M Mike Mertes  
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