



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, April 14, 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 12 voting members, 1 non-voting members and 2 visitors present. The quorum requirement was certified by W5MHN.

President's Report: KG5GDV spoke on the following:

- **Elections:** Elections for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will occur at the May business meeting. Terms will run through May 2017. He turned the floor over to Valerie to accept nominations. Her current slate of candidates for the following positions is as follows:
 - o **President:** KG5GDV
 - o **Vice-President:** KG5JYY
 - o **Treasurer:** KG5JYZ
 - o **Secretary:** W5MHN

She will continue to accept nominations for positions through the month and at the next meeting.

- **Water/Sewage:** Provided an update to the status of the price quote. Currently the project manager that is the club's point of contact is liaising with the City of College Station for a tap for each. Once a quote is received the club can then make a decision on whether to pursue this project.
- **Building 8900 Signage:** KG5GDV/KE5ISM had no updates at this time.

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 March 2016 Monthly Business Meeting. He corrected two entries that had the incorrect dates. Motion from W5XTT, seconded by KG5GDV to accept the minutes as read - the motion passed on a voice vote.

QSL Manager's Report: W5MHN provided the following updates:

ARRL DXCC: 309 mixed entities worked, 301 confirmed and 13 new slots filled in the band/mode matrix (309/300 last month).

Kingman Reef (KH5): The ARRL Awards Committee has voted to delete Kingman Reef (KH5) from the DXCC List, effective March 29, 2016. Kingman Reef will be added to the Deleted Entities List on March 29, 2016. The total number of entities on the List will drop from 340 to 339. W5AC had credit with Kingman Reef so the club will see its *current* entity totals drop by one on its DXCC award - including on the bands and modes where Kingman Reef credit is given. We will also see our DXCC Challenge total drop commensurately. Honor Roll status will now be attainable after confirming 330 entities on the DXCC List.

Newsletter Editor: W5XTT submitted the spring edition of the newsletter. It is posted to the website and listserve.

NPOTA Standing Committee: KG5JYZ reported 73 NPS entities confirmed on the Leader Board and 13 National Parks toward the Honor Roll (50/10 last month). To help support the ARRL and the NPSs 100th birthday, the club will activate the El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail on this Saturday, April 16, 2016. We will meet at the shack at 09:00 and return in the early afternoon.

To help W5AC do well over the course of the rest of the year on the Leader Board and Honor Roll and to aid in achieving Five Star activator status for NPOTA, W5QZ proposed that club members



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be allowed to sign W5AC for any park entities they wish to **activate** during their travels through the rest of the year. Additionally, he further asked that club members be able to sign W5AC for any National Parks that they work when not at the shack. This second permission extends to National Parks **only** and not to the remainder of the entities. After a short discussion, W5QZ's proposal was adopted. Guidelines will be promulgated via the listserv.

Club Business:

Old Business:

- a. **Tilt-Over Motor:** N5TLT reported that the motor arrived and is installed. He and W5MHN checked the geometry of the installation and discovered that the TiltPlate is not setting plumb which prevented the tower from fully tilting. The motor and assembly worked fine otherwise. However, while testing the Tilt-Over Motor, the winch that the club has temporarily installed while Heights Tower diagnoses the previous winch and makes any recommendations, was discovered to have some sort of a grounding fault that was tripping the GFI circuit. It was initially believed to be the GFI that was and a work order was submitted. The technicians that looked at the GFI stated that it was fine, however they replaced it with a new GFI. Afterwards, with a bit more troubleshooting it was determined to be the winch that was causing the ground fault. The TiltPlate and winch ground fault will be added to the clubs project list.
- b. **Head Phone Amp:** After further discussions it was decided to defer the purchase of the amp at this time due to limited funding.
- c. **EoY Social:** KG5JYY reviewed the survey for venues and stated that dinner will be held at Fuddruckers at 18:00 to be followed by game night at the shack at 19:30. He encourage people to attend both or just one if their schedules did not permit and welcomed spouses and significant others.

New Business:



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- a. **Worked All Provinces of China:** The Fifth WAPC will begin at 06:00UTC, 16 April and end at 05:59UTC, 17 April, 2016. Amateurs around the world can work any other amateurs during the 24 hour contest period, while contacting as many amateurs in Chinese provinces, municipal cities, autonomous regions, and special administration regions.

Good of the Order:

- a. **ARDF:** KG5GDV participated in the 80 meter classic at the Sixteenth USA National ARDF Championships, which were held in Killeen, TX. He finished third in the nation in his category and was awarded a Bronze medal. Well Done!

Next Meeting: The May Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Wednesday, May 04, 2016 at 19:30 due to finals and graduation ceremonies.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 20:37.

Program: KM4OPI narrated a presentation on AggiSatLab's current programs and activities and the status of their ground station and bird.

Respectively submitted,

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TAMU ARC Secretary

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