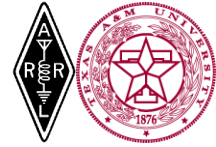




W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Wednesday, May 4, 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 member and 1 visitor present. The quorum requirement was certified by W5MHN.

President's Report:

- **Elections:** The meeting was turned over to Valerie who conducted elections for the following positions with the following results:
 - o **President:** KG5GDV
 - o **Vice-President:** KG5JYY
 - o **Treasurer:** KG5JYZ
 - o **Secretary:** KG5LYQ

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the 2016-2017 Academic Year. The board will be looking to fill the director positions for next year. If you are interested in a position, contact a member of the Executive Committee.

- **Water/Sewage:** Estimates have been received. TAMU has agreed to fund all costs up to the shack. The club will be responsible for any costs associated with the shack itself (i.e. hot water heater replacement, restroom refurbishment, and plumbing) if any of these items require attention. The club wishes to expressly thank Mr. Tom Reber, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs for his invaluable assistance in making this a reality.
- **Building 8900 Signage:** KE5ISM/KG5GDV had nothing to report. W5QZ, W5XTT, and Valerie stated that they will take a look at the project over the summer.
- **Visitor:** KG5GDV welcomed a special visitor to the meeting. Paul Schattenburg/PA/KF5JIM, former club President and Treasurer, joined the meeting via skype from the Netherlands. Though it was 03:00 local in his time zone, he reminisced with current members about some of the



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challenges the club faced in years past and talked about his current academic and ham radio related projects.

Vice-Presidents Report: KG5JYY presented a much deserved Certificate of Appreciation and plaque to W5QZ for the time, effort, equipment and many contributions that he has made to W5AC over the course of the past year.

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 April 2016 Monthly Business Meeting. Motion from KO5TER, seconded by W5XTT 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, 302 confirmed and 20 new slots filled in the band/mode matrix (309/301 last month). The new confirmed entity was Chesterfield Islands.

Newsletter Editor: W5XTT reported the fall newsletter is published on the website and a link is on the Facebook page. The former KD5OGM, W5XTT's XYL, took a copy to the Battalion office and spoke to their staff about including W5AC Newsletter items in the Battalion.

NPOTA Standing Committee: KG5JYZ reported 76 NPS entities confirmed on the Leader Board and 15 National Parks toward the Honor Roll (73/13 last month).

KG5GDV, KG5JYY, KG5JYZ, W5MHN and W5QZ activated the El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail on Saturday, April 16,



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2016 and logged 31 contacts. This qualifies the club for an Activator award and is the first step in qualifying as a Five Star Activator.

He emphasized that the club voted last month to allow members to activate National Park Entities as W5AC while away for the summer. Additionally, members may sign W5AC while away from the shack for any National Park QSO confirmations. This latter privilege extends to National Parks only and not to the remainder of the National Park entities. As reported last month, guidelines and policy will be provided via the listserve to clarify these procedures. These permissions will expire at 23:59 on December 31, 2016.

Club Business:

Old Business:

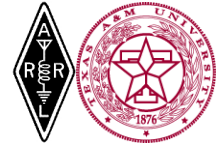
- a. None.

New Business:

- a. **2016 Fall MSC Open House:** The Fall MSC Open House will occur on Sunday, September 4, 2016. The club will have a recruiting booth and is looking for volunteers to staff it in shifts. Set up will commence at 11:30 that morning with the event running from 13:00 - 17:00. There will be a final planning meeting the week prior, probably on Wednesday (8/31) or Thursday (9/01) evening.
- b. **Club Donations:** W5XTT will work with the Treasurer/KG5JYZ and W5QZ and contact the Texas A&M Foundation to pursue a more streamlined method of making donations to the club, such as having a link on the website and Facebook page where one could use credit cards.
- c. **Membership:** W5XTT will work with the Treasurer/KG5JYZ to craft an article/poll for the newsletter and listserve to encourage former club members to sign up for a Non-Voting Membership in the club so that they can then use the W5AC call in support of our pursuit of our NPOTA Five Star Activator and ranking on both the Leaderboard and Honor Roll.



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- a. **Shack Projects:** W5QZ and W5MHN will be in the area and working in the shack as they did last summer. Anyone interested in assisting is welcome and can contact them.
- b. **Field Day:** W5MHN put out a reminder that Field Day, as always, is the last full weekend of June; this year that will be June 25/26. He encouraged people to get out and see what their local clubs have set up. For anyone remaining in-area, the W5BCS club will be at the Brian Bachmann Park at the pavilion in College Station and welcomes any W5AC members that wish to participate. K05TER added that there will be a VE session at 15:30 on Saturday for anyone wishing to sit for an initial license or an upgrade.

Next Meeting: The September Monthly Business meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 19:00 at the shack.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 20:12.

Program: No program this month.

Respectively submitted,

Martin Nau/W5MHN
TAMU ARC Secretary

Callsign Index:

KE5ISM Eric Laird
KG5GDV Yucheng Guo
KG5JYY Kevin Saygi
KG5JYZ Spencer Capps
KG5LYQ Lucas Hastings
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