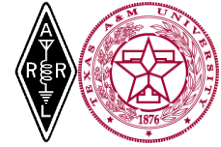




W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, October 13, 2016

Draft Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President/KG5GDV called the meeting to order at 1935. Vice-President/KG5JYY, Treasurer/KG5JYZ, and Secretary/KG5LYQ were also present. There were 11 voting members, 1 non-voting members, and 1 visitor present. The quorum requirement was certified by KG5LYQ.

President's Report: KG5GDV reported on the following,

- **Foxhunt:** Foxhunt is postponed until Friday, October 28 due to preparations for the Camp Hope event and participation in the School Club Roundup. Foxhunts will also become more competitive and use longer distances.

Vice-President's Report: KG5JYY reported on the following,

- **T-Shirts:** T-Shirts are now available. Purchase of the new shirt is \$10. Purchase of the new shirt along with the old shirt (with black lettering) will be \$15.
- **Soda Mess:** KA5VLC pointed out that all the snacks in the soda mess are expired. KG5JYY promised to get new snacks, especially with School Club Roundup coming soon.
- **Fridge:** The club will be looking for a new fridge since the old fridge is not working.

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 Report: KG5LYQ reviewed the minutes from the September 2016 Monthly Business Meeting. Motion from N5TLT, seconded by KG5JYZ to accept the minutes as read – the motion passed on a voice vote.

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

- **ARRL DXCC:** 310 mixed entities worked, 303 confirmed, and 42 new slots filled in the band/mode matrix (309/303 last September).



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NPOTA Standing Committee: W5MHN reported 165 NPS entities confirmed on the Leader Board and 36 National Parks toward the Honor Roll (157/33 last month). He emphasized that we will need at least 75% of the activated parks to make the honor roll. This value will probably be around 42 parks, but to be safe we should have at least 46 parks.

Club Business:

Old Business:

- **Winch:** The current winch on the tower has become nonoperational and a replacement is needed. The price for an electric motor is very expensive at around \$4000. A manual winch is around \$1500. A manual winch with a large hand crank and self-locking mechanism would be safe and adequate for our needs. Heights Tower has promised to provide technical support. The replacement is needed so that work can be done on the tilt plate, tuning can be done to the antenna elements, and functionality of the tower can be resotred. Motion from KG5GDV, seconded by KG5JYY, to purchase a manual winch of no more than \$1500 with W5QZ in charge of selection and procurement - 11 were in favor, 0 against. Members also mentioned that they would like to see the winch come with a warranty, however, it was not put to a vote.
- **Camp Hope:** Training session for participants will be from 1600 to 1800 Friday, October 14th at the shack.
- **School Club Roundup:** Training session for participants will be from 1600 to 1800 Friday, October 14th at the shack. KG5GDV sent an email on the listserv for members to sign-up for the event. A schedule of times for the participants will be released this weekend.

New Business:

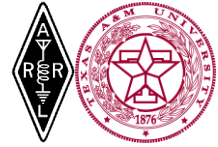
- **Remote Login:** With internet now available in the side room, members have expressed interest in remote login. Other members pointed out that there are safety issues and that running the computer all the time with the option of remote login is not something they are comfortable with. It was decided that the executive committee will discuss the matter and report when a solution has been reached.

Good of the Order:

- **VE Session:** Bryan ARC will be hosting a VE session the third Saturday of this month, October 15, 2016. It will begin at 0800 at the USDA on F&B Road.



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- **W5AC Net:** KG5LYQ reminded members that there are weekly nets on the W5AC repeater at 2000 on Monday nights. He will also be available around the net from 1900 to 2100 to welcome anybody at the shack to get on the air, study for licensing exams, or to just learn more about amateur radio.

Next Meeting: The November Monthly Business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 1930 at the shack.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2018.

Program: No program this month.

Respectively submitted,

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TAMU ARC Secretary

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