



## W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, November 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/KG5LYQ were also present. There were 12 voting members, 1 non-voting member, and 2 visitors present. The quorum requirement was certified by KG5LYQ.

**President's Report:** KG5GDV reported on the following,

- **Winch:** KG5GDV and N5TLT discussed that last month a vote passed to purchase a new manual winch for under \$1500. A winch was found under that price, but the mounting plate and shipping exceeded the amount voted on. Motion by N5TLT to increase the budget to \$1800, seconded by KG5JYY – passed unanimously.

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

- **Mess:** Snacks and chips have been restocked.
- **Fridge:** Cavan checked the local flea market for a used fridge but did not find anything. It was decided that it may be best to purchase a new one. N5TLT will help with the procurement.
- **W5AC Game Night:** An email with a survey will be sent to the listserv asking what day will be best for a club social in December and what location members would like to eat at. The first half will consist of going out to eat and the second half will consist of games at the shack.

**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 October 2016 Monthly Business Meeting. Motion from N5TLT, 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:



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- **ARRL DXCC:** 310 mixed entities worked, 303 confirmed and 43 new slots filled in the band/mode matrix (310/303 last month).

**NPOTA Standing Committee:** W5MHN reported 171 NPS entities confirmed on the Leader Board and 37 National Parks toward the Honor Roll (165/36 last month).

### Club Business:

### Old Business:

- **Camp Hope:** W5AC sent seven members to participate. The final score was W5AC with 219 points to N5XU with 178 points. W5AC was given a 40-20m dual band antenna and an SWR Analyzer (MFJ-259C). In addition to the free barbeque, the members said they had a good time.
- **School Club Roundup:** W5AC earned first place in the college/university division and for the entire event with a score of 586,278 points. With eight operators, two of them unlicensed, W5AC had 33 CW/RTTY/Digital Qs, 1320 Phone Qs, 50 US states, 6 Canadian areas, 27 DX entities, 20 clubs, and 60 schools. A combination of experienced operators and better scheduling of operators are a few of the reasons for the club's success. Last year's score was 428,544 points.

### New Business:

- **ARRL November Sweepstakes:** From the ARRL contest page, "For stations in the United States and Canada to exchange QSO information with as many other US and Canadian stations as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands". The CW portion has already passed (Nov 5-7), but the phone portion will begin at 1500 Saturday, November 19 and end at 2059 Sunday, November 20. KG5GDV will send an email to the listserv to see if any club members want to participate.
- **W5AC Reunion:** A reunion for former W5AC members is tentatively scheduled to take place during Family Weekend (formerly Parents' Weekend) of April 7-9, 2017. The reunion will likely take place Saturday, April 9, from about mid-morning to late-afternoon. It will most likely be come and go, with food provided. More details to come.
- **2017 Spring MSC Open House:** KG5LYQ brought up that the next MSC Open House will be on Sunday, January 22, from 1300 to 1700. Some members mentioned that moving the booth to inside the MSC, rather than outside, may help bring more students and traffic to the booth.



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- **Bryan - College Station Christmas Parade:** W5XTT reminded the club that the parade is coming up on Sunday, December 4, and that an email from N5SBN will be sent out asking for volunteers. Many hams in the past have volunteered to help with this event. Last year W5AC fielded six personnel.
- **W5AC Constitution:** A suggestion from W5MHN to merge the Director of Public Relations position and Newsletter Editor position into one, and to add a Webmaster position. It was decided that the Executive Committee will discuss and that the listserv would be used to disseminate any future information on the subject.

### Good of the Order:

- **License Exam:** The next exam for amateur radio licenses offered by W5BCS will most likely not be until their monthly meeting in February 2017.
- **Restrooms:** N5TLT reported that the soap and paper towel dispenser batteries have been replaced and the dispensers are now working.
- **\$200 Donation:** N5TLT reported that a colleague of his in the College of Architecture won a \$200 prize to be donated to their student organization of choice. That person chose to donate the money to W5AC.
- **ARES/RACES:** W5XTT reported on ARES and RACES, how it is an important part of amateur radio and emergency preparedness, and that it is very easy to sign up with no cost. Please contact him if you have any questions. W5MHN mentioned that their next monthly meeting is Monday, November 14.
- **Emergency Drills:** W5XTT reported than an emergency drill will take place in January 2017 at Gibbons Creak Park, and that a train wreck drill will take place in Navasota during April 2017. Both drills will feature amateur radio as part their emergency communications.

**Next Meeting:** The December Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Wednesday, December 07, 2016 at 1930 due to final exams beginning Friday.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2022.

**Program:** No program this month.



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Respectively submitted,

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