



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



February 9, 2017

Draft Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President/KG5GDV called the meeting to order at 1930. Treasurer/KG5JYZ, and Secretary/KG5LYQ were also present. There were 9 voting members, 0 non-voting members, and 2 visitors present. The quorum requirement was certified by KG5LYQ.

President's Report: KG5GDV reported on the following,

- **Foxhunt:** No foxhunt this or next week due to School Club Roundup. Discussion from KZ3G about working on extending foxhunts to local grade school and scouts. N5TLT brought up that it might be hard bringing them onto campus due to them being minors, but said that outreach events similar to this have happened in the past. KG5GDV said that he could potentially email the scout leaders to see if they are interested.
- **MSC Open House and Informational Report:** About 25 students showed interest at Open House and signed up for more information. The following week 4 students showed up to the informational.
- **May Meeting Date:** The date for the May monthly meeting will be Tuesday, May 2 at 1930. This is due to school ending before the second Thursday of May, and final exams starting on the first Thursday.
- **School Club Roundup:** The ARRL School Club Roundup is next week, February 13 – 17. W5AC will be participating in this contest, and an email will be sent to the listserv with a signup link. There is a total operating time limit of 24 hours, with a maximum of 6 hours per day. Last semester we got first place and did very good. This semester our equipment is not as good, but we will still do our best. Non-licensed people can participate as long as they are with an appropriate licensed member.

Treasurer's Report: KG5JYZ presented an overview of the state of the club's finances since last month.

Secretary's Report: KG5LYQ reviewed the minutes from the January 2017 Monthly Business Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read – the motion passed on a voice vote.



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Club Business:

Old Business:

- **Shack Water:** Water access to the shack has been fixed. Turned out the problem was due to lots of junk clogged up in the backflow valve. Thank you to N5TLT for heading this project.
- **W5AC Repeater Problem:** At the net earlier this week, W5MHN brought his 2m antenna and KG5LYQ ran the net on it. Signal quality was much better and it is now believed the problem is due to the shack's antenna or feed line. N5TLT noted that when the shack's antenna went up that it was in fairly bad shape, so that may be a possible cause. AC5NB said that despite the repeater sounding better now, there was definitely a problem a couple weeks ago.

New Business:

- **Radio Check-Out for Fixing:** AC5NB brought up how we have a lot of radios that don't work and are just sitting around. He asked if he could check one out in order to fix it. The EC agreed and N5TLT said that to make it official that he would need to send an email to the club officers so that it is in writing. KG5GDV asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to allow AC5NB to do this, KZ3G motioned, N5TLT seconded – the motion passed on a voice vote.

Good of the Order:

- **License Exam:** The next amateur radio license exam offered by W5BCS will be on February 18, 2017 at 0800. The location is the conference room of the Southern Plains USDA Building.
- **SWR Analyzer:** The MFJ-259C SWR Analyzer is now powered up and can be used by the club. This was won last semester at the Camp Hope special event.
- **SDR Book:** Jacob is leaving his book on Software Defined Radio at the shack for anyone to read.

Next Meeting: The March Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Thursday, March 09, 2017 at 1930.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2004.



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Program: No program this month.

Respectively submitted,

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TAMU ARC Secretary

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