



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



March 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 13 voting members, 0 non-voting members, and 1 visitors present. The quorum requirement was certified by KG5LYQ.

President's Report: KG5GDV reported on the following,

- **W5AC Reunion:** An email will be sent out to listserv inviting former members to visit the shack on Saturday, April 8, to visit with current members and see the new shack.
- **Antenna Tuning:** Need at least three to four members to help W5QZ tune the Force 12. Still need to find a suitable date, next week will be difficult due to rain. Want to be safe when working.
- **School Club Roundup Results:** W5AC placed 3rd place in the University class. Our score was 96,276 points with 2 CW, 422 phone, 39 US states, 5 Canadian provinces, 17 DX, and 33 schools QSOs. Total operating time was about 12 hours. We had five operators, one was unlicensed and two new to HF.
- **Officer Elections:** Nominations for officers will take place next meeting, and election of officers will take place in the May meeting. The officer positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

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 February 2017 Monthly Business Meeting. A motion was made and seconded 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, 304 confirmed and 48 slots filled in the band/mode matrix (310/303/47 last month). The new confirmed was from Sable Island.
- **Triple Play WAS:**
 - Phone: complete
 - Digital: 48 confirmed
 - CW: 4 confirmed



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Club Business:

New Business:

- **Rookie Roundup:** KG5LYQ brought up that the ARRL Rookie Roundup is coming up in April and that it would be a good way for new hams to get into HF and contesting. More can be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Field Day:** KG5LYQ mentioned that Field Day is in late June and that it would be good to start thinking if the club wants to participate. W5QZ mentioned that it is also possible to operate at the shack as a home station during the event.
- **Foxhunt Safety:** During one of the recent foxhunts a report was made to the police about a suspicious item, which was one of our foxhunt transmitters. N5TLT said in the future before any foxhunts it will be a good idea to call the non-emergency police number to let them know what is going on, or to email them with pictures of all the equipment. Also proper labeling on the transmitters will help and maybe identification for foxhunters such as hats or armbands.

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- **W5QZ Scholarship:** W5QZ encourages members to apply for his scholarships that are available for electrical engineering students and for members of W5AC.
- **Hamfests:** The Belton Hamfest is Saturday, March 11, and the Houston Hamfest is the weekend of March 25th.
- **Elmer Award:** An elmer award was presented to W5QZ on behalf of KG5GDV for his guidance and help in amateur radio.
- **New Hams:** Congratulations to the new hams that got licensed within the last month.

Next Meeting: The April Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 1930.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2008.

Program: No program this month.

Respectively submitted,



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