



## W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



April 13, 2017

### Draft Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

Secretary/KG5LYQ called the meeting to order at 1930. Treasurer/KG5JYZ was also present. There were 13 voting members, 0 non-voting members, and 1 visitor present. The quorum requirement was certified by KG5LYQ.

**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 March 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 and passed around new QSL cards:

- **ARRL DXCC:** 310 mixed entities worked, 305 confirmed and 54 slots filled in the band/mode matrix (310/304/48 last month). The new confirmed was from São Tomé and Príncipe.
  - With 305 entities confirmed, W5AC gets a new endorsement sticker for DXCC.
- **Triple Play WAS:**
  - Phone: Complete
  - Digital: Complete (48 last month)
  - CW: 4 confirmed
- **5-Band WAS:**
  - 40 meters: 46 confirmed
  - 20 meters: Complete
  - 15 meters: 45 confirmed
- **W1AW Operating Schedule:** The schedule has shifted to the spring operating schedule.

### Club Business:

### Old Business:

- **W5AC Reunion:** 1 in-person and 3 radio check-ins of former members for the get together on Saturday, April 8 (not including current members).
- **Field Day:** If portable, should probably try to stay local. In past years W5AC has been portable on campus. It is possible to be operating portable and operating at the shack.



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That way during the day we can operate both, but at night we can move to the shack. Our portable can also be a dedicated outreach station. A lot will depend on member availability.

- **Rookie Roundup:** The ARRL Rookie Roundup is coming up Sunday, April 16. Contact KG5LYQ if you are interested. It is a great way for rookies to learn about HF and contesting in a friendly environment.

### New Business:

- **W5AC Officer Elections:** Nominations opened for officer positions for the 2017-2018 academic year, with voting occurring at the May business meeting. KA5VLC is handling the nomination process. The positions open are president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. The current nominations are:
  - President: KG5LYQ
  - Vice-President: AG5JH
  - Treasurer: KG5SDD
  - Secretary: KF5TZNKA5VLC will continue to accept nominations through the month and at the next meeting.
- **End of the Year Social:** Be on the lookout for an email from KG5JYY about the end-of-semester social. The email will likely be a poll on where people want to eat and what we want to do.

### Good of the Order:

- **TSPOA:** AC5NB and other members KG5LYQ, KZ3G and son Robby, went to Huntsville State Park to operate as W5AC for Texas State Parks on the Air on Sunday, April 9. AC5NB brought an antenna he built the previous week to operate. Most contacts were made on 40m. The location was ideal for portable operation and overall was an enjoyable time. We hope that in the future we can do more events such as this and operate portable for fun with more members.
- **Director Positions:** W5MHN brought up that there are director positions still available for members to fill. If interested please talk to the officers.
- **Deleted DX Entities:** W5QZ brought up that three entities have been deleted from DXCC (Kingman Reef, Kure Island, and Midway Island).
- **Free 5A 12V Batteries:** N5TLT has spare batteries that are available for anyone to take.
- **License Upgrade:** Congratulations to KG5SDD for upgrading to amateur extra class.

**Next Meeting:** The May Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 1930. Note the normal meeting day was changed due to school ending before the second Thursday of May and final examinations beginning Thursday, May 4.



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**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2023.

**Program:** No program this month.

Respectively submitted,

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TAMU ARC Secretary

### **Callsign Index:**

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AG5JH Joshua Shaffer

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KG5JYZ Spencer Capps

KG5LYQ Lucas Hastings

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KZ3G Bill Preston

N5TLT Kevin Glueck

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W5MHN Marty Nau

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