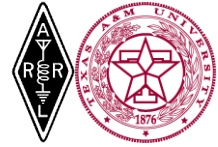




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Thursday, September 14, 2017

Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President/KG5LYQ called the meeting to order at 1930. Vice-President/AG5JH, Treasurer/KG5SDD, and Secretary/KF5TZN were also present. There 10 were members and 9 visitors present.

President's Report:

- **Welcome:** KG5LYQ opened the meeting by welcoming all visitors, as well as returning members. This was followed by everyone introducing themselves.

Vice-President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: KG5SDD presented an overview of the state of the club's finances since the last meeting.

Secretary Report: KF5TZN reviewed the minutes from the May 2017 Monthly Business Meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read and was seconded – the motion passed on a voice vote.

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

- **ARRL DXCC:** 310 mixed entities worked, 305 confirmed and 1 slot filled in the band/mode matrix (310/305 last month).

Webmaster's Report: KA5VLC stated brief word revisions have been made to the W5AC web page. A standing request for additional assistance was made as well.

Club Business:

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- **Texas QSO Party:** The Texas QSO Party will occur Saturday September 23rd to Sunday September 24th. W5AC plans to operate on that Sunday. Look for further updates on the list serve.



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- **Jamboree On The Air:** The Jamboree On The Air event will occur Friday October 20th at the Bovay Scout Ranch in Navasota, TX. W5AC has been requested to help with activities such as Foxhunts, HF, and CW. Look for further updates on the list serve.

Good of the Order:

- **Field Day:** KG5LYQ, W5MHN, AC5NB and KG5SDD joined the Bryan Amateur Radio Club for Field Day.
- **Tower Maintenance:** The tower has been raised, after being lowered due to inclement weather. In the process, it was discovered that the 2m antenna is not functional due to a severed connection. Further maintenance is needed and will be planned at a later date.
- **Solar Eclipse Party:** KG5LYQ, KG5SDD, and KF5TZN participated in the Solar Eclipse QSO Party, totaling 150 contacts. They were able to make contact with W5QZ before and during totality to observe the effects of the solar eclipse on radio wave propagation.
- **Shack Projects:**
 - The sodium vapor light at the front entrance of the shack has been fixed.
 - AC is broken in the shack. Maintenance has been informed.
 - Safety Inspections were passed.
- **ARES:** ARES will be holding a simulation in October. Look for further updates on the list serve.

Recruitment:

- **MSC Open House:** W5AC participated in the MSC Fall 2017 Open House and had a record number people show interest. KG5LYQ, KG5SDD and KF5TZN manned the booth. We then held an informational and had nine people visit. W5QZ gave the main presentation with other W5AC members there as well.

Next Meeting: The October Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 1930.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2006.

Program:

- **APRS:** KG5LYQ, presented on APRS and balloon tracking. When their GPS system failed, "foxhunting" gear was a great back up. Possible future plans were proposed with the TAMU High Altitude Balloon Club.



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- **ARISS:** W5QZ, presented on ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station).

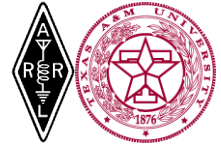
Respectively submitted,

Kyle Flaherty/KF5TZN

TAMU ARC Secretary



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Attendance:

Joshua Shaffer	AG5JH
Valerie Castellano	KA5VLC
Kyle Flaherty	KF5TZN
Lucas Hastings	KG5LYQ
Jacob Morgan	KG5SDD
Marty Nau	W5MHN
Dave Gent	W5QZ
Kevin Glueck	N5TLT
Roberto Eguia	
Bill Preston	KZ3G
Joseph Barth	
Oleksandr Sofishchenko	
Will Pinon	
Connor Farrell	WG1GEM
Jace Nelson	KE0MXN
Matthew Conn	
Cavan Theiss	
Nathaniel Griggs	
John Kliewer	AC5NB