



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, 14 September 2018

Minutes from the September 2018 Regular Meeting

President/KG5SDD called the meeting to order at 1929. Vice-President/WG1GEM, Treasurer/KG5YRW, Adviser/N5TLT, and Secretary/KE0MXN were present. There were eight voting members, one non-voting member, one proxy voting member, and seven non-members. Quorum requirement was certified by Secretary/KE0MXN.

President's Report:

Introductions: Jacob / KG5SDD introduced all members at the meeting.

Format of Meetings: Jacob / KG5SDD presented the format and proper decorum for W5AC regular business meetings.

Secretary's Report:

May Minutes: Jace / KE0MXN read the May 2018 meeting minutes. Jacob / KG5SDD requested a vote, which was motioned and seconded. The minutes were adopted as read.

Constitution Amendment: Jace / KE0MXN presented the constitutional amendments proposed on June 4, 2018. That amendment was tabled until the October meeting per point of order requested by Martin / W5MHN.

Website: Jace / KE0MXN reported on the state of the website, Joshua / AG5JH, proposed switching to the HUGO CMS.

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts: Max / KG5YRW delivered the balances for the W5AC accounts: Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club: \$2033.71, Amateur Radio Test Fees for ARRL: \$21.40, Donation: \$430.31.

Vice Presidents's Report:

Mess Hall: Connor / WG1GEM remarked that the mess hall will have mostly liquids for the 2018-2019 school year, due to the previous year's rat infestation.

T-shirts: Connor / WG1GEM reported that a new order for shirts ought to be placed, as they sold well at the Belton Hamfest. The new-edition shirts cost \$10, while the old-edition (only available in miscellaneous sizes) will be \$5 for this school year.

QSL Manager's Report

Martin / W5MHN provided the following updates:



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- **Worked:** 310 mixed entities worked
- **Confirmed:** 307 confirmed – new additions: Albania & St. Barts
- **Challenge:** 16 confirmations in Challenge Section

Historian's Report:

Dave / W5QZ was unable to attend the meeting, the historian's report was read by Jace / KE0MXN.

College Amateur Radio Callsign History:

- **Prior to 1912:** any station could operate without restriction
- **1912:** The titanic sank, so governments regulated wireless activity, in the U.S., the format was one number (district) and two letters, the first of which could not be X, Y, or Z.
- **W5AC:** W5AC, then 5AC is the third callsign issued in the 5th district
- **Y stations:** ROTC stations would adopt Y-first letter callsigns, but had stricter requirements for operations
- **5XB:** experimental stations would adopt X-first letter callsigns, and 5XB (W5AC) holds record for "Longest contact between two spark stations"

Director of Repeater Operations:

Nothing to report, Not present.

Club Business:

Constitution: The June 4th, 2018 edition of the constitution will be voted upon in the next meeting.

Repeater repair: Connor / WG1GEM reported that the IRLP node is down the iGate on the Richardson Building is down, Kevin / N5TLT responded that the repeater has ID errors and that the 146.820 repeater has been modified to prevent constant transmit.

Tower/Antenna repair: Kevin / N5TLT and Eric / KE5ISM noted that the antenna still needs repair (tuned), and that the feed line needs taken care of, but W5AC is still waiting on a date to carry out maintenance work from the leader of that project, Dave / W5QZ.

Old Business:



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MSC Open House: five meeting attendees had been recruited by the MSC Open House event.

New Business:

Flex Presentation: During the October monthly meeting, representatives from Flex Radio will present.

Belton Amateur Radio Hamfest: the Belton Amateur Radio Hamfest will be on October 6th, 2018. W5AC will send a team down there. All members are invited.

Remote Operations and School Club Roundup

- Jacob / KG5SDD asked for volunteers to explore the potential of Remote Operations during School Club Roundup during the week of October 15th.
- Davis / KF5ZPP was selected to lead this exploration, in cooperation with Dave / W5QZ, who had previously volunteered his experience and possibly his tower for such purposes.

Next Meeting: The next general club meeting shall be on Thursday, 11 October 2018 at 1930. The next W5BCS meeting will be on 15 September 2018. The next ARES meeting will be 1 October 2018. Contact those respective organizations for more information.

Adjourn: Kevin / N5TLT motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2013. This motion was passed.

Respectively submitted,

Jace Nelson / KE0MXN

TAMU ARC Secretary

(Post Scriptum)

Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club LAUREL Vec:

The TAMU Amateur Radio Club (W5AC) held its first Laurel-Vec testing session after the meeting. All three candidates scored very highly. James (now KI5BPR) passed his E2 Technician. Surprisingly, the callsign was issued within 48 hours of the completion of the E2 test.



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Callsign Index (2017):

Joshua Shaffer	AG5JH
Valerie Castellano	KA5VLC
Kyle Flaherty	KF5TZN
Lucas Hastings	KG5LYQ
Jacob Morgan	KG5SDD
Marty Nau	W5MHN
Dave Gent	W5QZ
Kevin Glueck	N5TLT
Bill Preston	KZ3G
Connor Farrell	WG1GEM
Jace Nelson	KE0MXN
John Kliewer	AC5NB
Matthew Conn	KG5VGM
John Walker	W1JCW
Davis Hutto	KF5ZPP
Daniel Ghan	KM4OPI



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Callsign Index (2018, as of October meeting):

Name	Callsign	
Alexander Olah	(Pending)	
Patrick Manning	(Pending)	
Joshua Shaffer	AG5JH	
Jace Nelson	KE0MXN	
Chris Gillett	KF5IBA	
Davis Hutto	KF5ZPP	
Jacob Morgan	KG5SDD	
Quinton Lawton	KG5SSL	Reciprocal
Matthew Conn	KG5VGM	
Max Witek	KG5YRW	
Santosh Ganji	KI5AVL	
Don Arnold	KI5BPM	
Daniel Ghan	KM4OPI	
Bill Preston	KZ3G	
Matthew Komitsky	N/A	
Steve Hicks	N5AC	Honorary
Kevin Glueck	N5TLT	
Martin Nau	W5MHN	
Dave Gent	W5QZ	
Corder Guy	W5RHT	
Connor Farrell	WG1GEM	