



W5AC

Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, 11 April 2019

Minutes from the April 2019 General Business Meeting

President/KG5SDD called the meeting to order at 0101Z Treasurer/KG5YRW, QSL Manager/W5MHN, and Secretary/KE0MXN were also present. Two voting members were present by proxy, fourteen voting members were physically present, and two visitors were present.

Officer Reports

- **President's Report**
 - **T-Shirts:** KG5SDD reported that little has changed since the last meeting. The club is looking into getting t-shirts.
 - **Prayer of Invocation:** The club voted without opposition not to hold a prayer of invocation for the April Meeting.
 - **Water Damage:** KG5SDD noted that the shack has a hole in the storage area. KZ3G remarked that to prevent further damage, the club needs to get sheet rock in place quickly.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - In WG1GEM's absence, KE0MXN and KI5CLW read the Vice President's Report.
 - **Repeater Intermodulation:** KE0MXN reported that the repeater intermodulation is back, despite trying to split to two antennas. KI5CLW remarked that PL-encode-follows-COR is a possible (temporary) solution, and that Connor has the CG control board to make the modifications.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Account Balances:** KG5YRW delivered a report on the state of the club's finances.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - **March Meeting Minutes:** KE0MXN read a portion of the March meeting minutes. To expedite the meeting, KI5CLW motioned to accept as read.
- **QSL Manager's Report**
 - **DXCC:** W5MHN reported that the DXCC list has not changed since the January meeting.
 - **QSL Cards:** W5MHN recounted that two QSL cards were received.
 - **Replacement:** W5MHN noted that he has completed passdown of the QSL Manager's position to KI5CWD. No nominations have yet been made for QSL Manager for 2019-2020 school year.
- **Director of Operations**
 - **Walmart Parking Lots on the Air:** KI5BVJ noted that WPLOTA is this summer.
 - **Texas State Parks on the Air:** KI5BVJ noted that the TSPOTA event will be this weekend.
 - **Elections:** KI5BVJ noted that elections will be held at the next meeting.
- **Historian's Report**
 - Nothing reported.

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Motions and Votes

- **Treasurer's Report:** W5MHN motioned to accept the treasurer's report. KI5CLW seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.
- **March Meeting Minutes:** KI5CLW motioned to accept the March Meeting Minutes as read. KI5CWD seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.
- **Constitutional Amendment 2018-2019-5:** KI5CLW motioned to accept the amendment. KI5CWD seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.
- **Resolution 2018-2019-1R:** KI5CLW motioned to accept the resolution. KI5CWD seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition, with W5MHN abstaining. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.
- **Resolution 2018-2019-2R:** KI5CLW motioned to accept the resolution. KI5CWD seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition, with W5MHN abstaining. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.
- **Resolution 2018-2019-3R:** KZ3G noted that he volunteers to pick up anyone at the shack who feels unsafe. The Club discussed the amendment and decided to strike point 2, and add point 2: "Ask all members left alone at the shack to call out on the repeater" and point 3: "Add a sign to remind members to notify others of their departure" and point 4: "Ask Kevin to investigate lighting and getting the statues removed." Multiple members noted that the statue outside was creepy and limiting membership. KI5CLW motioned to accept the resolution. KZ3G seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition, with W5MHN abstaining. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.
- **Resolution 2018-2019-4R:** Multiple members motioned to table the resolution. The resolution was tabled without opposition. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.
- **Resolution 2018-2019-5R:** KI5CLW motioned to accept the resolution. KG5VGM seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition, with W5MHN abstaining. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.
- **P2P Network:** Multiple members motioned to approve the purchase. The motioned passed without opposition. The meeting of the quorum requirement of nine members was certified by KE0MXN.

Club Business

- **Old Business**
 - **CQ Muster:** KE0MXN et al. reported that on 21 April 2019, the club will hold CQ Muster net at 1900, with the VHF net being move to 2100 on the same day. The executive committee is still looking for volunteers to run this event. The CQ Muster will be held from 19-22 April 2019. This current basic schedule plan was proposed: 0900-1700L on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with

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various modes on HF during this time. At 1800L on Sunday, have the HF net (conditions permitting), and then continue at-will until campus Muster on Monday.

- **Work Meeting:** KZ3G questioned why the rotor repair was on the slide but without a date. KE0MXN, KZ3G, et al. discussed the course of action, and decided to hold a work meeting on Saturday, 13 April 2019 at 1000L at the shack to repair the spare rotor. The discussion determined that molybdenum grease, crescent wrenches, and solvent would be necessary to complete the rotor repair.
- **ARRL School Club Roundup:** KE0MXN noted that the club ranked fifth in SCR for February 2019.
- **QSL Cards:** The club voted for the Howdy! Cards, but KI5DRO remarked that he would purchase the old design if requested. W5MHN noted that for CQ Muster, cards could be printed at Copy Corner if desired.
- **New Business**
 - **MSC Open House:** KE0MXN and KG5SDD reported that the club will be participating in the fall MSC Open House, and that the Executive Committee will authorize payment. KG5SDD remarked that the club should investigate new demonstrations, such as using the Flex Radio Maestro, or something with a waterfall display. KI5BVJ and KI5CLW suggested remote operation of the Flex radio from inside the MSC.
 - **CQR Log:** After the club voted in favor of resolution 2018-2019-1R, KE0MXN presented on how to use CQR Log to log contacts for W5AC.
 - **Presentations:** KE0MXN and KG5SDD noted that the club ought to emphasize presentations in the coming school year. KG5VGM noted that this was the role of the vice president, and that a resolution was unnecessary.
 - **WWV:** KE0MXN noted that W8EDU and David Kazdan are looking to research Doppler shift of WWV signals and that W5AC has volunteered to host a node if they are successful in applying for a grant. KZ3G noted that W5AC ought to ask if they need any help getting approval for the grant.
 - **P2P Network:** KE0MXN remarked that WG1GEM is looking to purchase a P2P link for the club to connect the repeater to N5BRZ's network for reliable AllStar, IRLP, and Echolink on the repeater. WG1GEM requested \$300 for the project, which was approved.
 - **Club Drive:** KE0MXN reported that KZ3G had requested a central resource for W5AC documents, and that a Google Team Drive had been created for that purpose. Interested members should contact the club officers.

Good of the Order

- **W5BCS Meeting:** The W5BCS meeting will be held on 20 April 2019 at 0930L.
- **W5AC March Meeting:** KI5CWD requested that the W5AC May meeting be moved to 23 April 2019. The motion passed without opposition. [See Addendum]
- **TSPOTA:** TSPOTA will be on April 13-14, 2019.
- **K6RO:** Special Event Station will be on air in April.
- **WW0WWV:** Signups to operate for WW0WWV in September are open.

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- **Baofeng Net:** KE0MXN et al. noted that the club is interested in starting a Baofeng net on Fridays.
- **Summer Nets:** KE0MXN noted that the club will have nets on Monday evenings during the summer.
- **Dipole:** W5MHN noted that he will be taking down his dipole soon. An 80-10m dipole with 30 ohm ladder line would be purchased if requested. KE0MXN and W5MHN noted that the club could get on 630m with a transverter for the Flex if we wanted to demonstrate that band on campus.

Adjourn: At 0219Z, KI5CLW motioned to adjourn. KZ3G seconded this motion, and it passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 0219Z.

Presentation: No presentation occurred at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jace Nelson / KE0MXN
TAMU ARC Secretary

Addendum: The Executive Committee rejected this motion after the meeting. The next meeting will take place on 30 April 2019 at 19:30.



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Membership (2019)

Joshua Shaffer	AG5JH
Matt Youngblood	KD5FGE
Jace K Nelson	KE0MXN
Eric D Laird	KE5ISM
Christopher R Gillett	KF5IBA
Davis M Hutto	KF5ZPP
Ethan D Galloway	KG5CBZ
Max Lesser	KG5HZE
Jacob Morgan	KG5SDD
Quinton A Lawton	KG5SSL
Matthew K Conn	KG5VGM
Roshan C Doddanavar	KG5VZH
Skyelar S Head	KG5WZL
Maximilian Witek	KG5YRW
Justin R Spotts	KG5ZGN
Evan K Spencer	KG5ZZA
Venkata Siva Santosh Ganji	KI5AVL
Donald Arnold	KI5BPM
Patrick Manning Lorino	KI5BVI
Alexander F Olah	KI5BVJ
Joshua S Ostaszewski	KI5CLS
Joseph M Langfeld	KI5CLT
Madison E Gordon	KI5CLU
Mia M Montgomery	KI5CLV
Alex D Huelsebusch	KI5CLW
Noah W Hite	KI5CWC
Emily M Newby	KI5CWD
Nicholas S Manavi	KI5CWH
Emilio J Jimenez	KI5CWI
Keaton C Dodd	KI5CWJ
Jacob M Caesar	KI5CWK
Andrew J Smith	KI5CWL
Kevin J Breedlove	KI5CWM
Connor Jackson	KI5CWN
Christopher J Nowotarski	KI5DEG
Rachel A Eldridge	KI5DEH
Erin A Sherman	KI5DEI
Robert C Filloramo	KI5DRO
Robert E Preston	KI6KYX
Daniel Ghan	KM4OPI
Daniel Alvarez	KM6YHV

Michael A Mertes	KZ5M
Steve Hicks	N5AC
Kevin N Glueck	N5TLT
Mike Walker	VA3MW
Richard A Zimmer	W5DZ
Martin H Nau	W5MHN
David W Gent	W5QZ
James C "Corder" Guy	W5RHT
Tod J Farrell	WE5TR
Connor J Farrell	WG1GEM
Don T "Dr. D" Conlee	WX5DC



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Resolutions

Rejected

2018-2018-4

WHEREAS

1. The Club wishes to interest the community in amateur radio, and
2. The Club wishes to have 50 members by the end of FY2020, and
3. The Club wishes to have 100 members by the end of FY2021, and
4. The Vice President of the club “shall arrange for all speakers and presentations at club meetings,”

We, the Texas A&M University amateur radio club:

1. Create a committee of members to develop presentations and arrange presenters on amateur radio topics.
2. Require this committee to submit to the Vice President of the Club a report on this presentation series when requested.
3. Name this committee the “Committee on Presenters and Presentations”



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Accepted

2018-2019-1

WHEREAS

1. The Club has motioned to move to a digital logbook.
2. The Club has a computer dedicated to logging.
3. The Club wishes to preserve QSL information for the long term.

We, the Texas A&M University amateur radio club:

1. Recognize the digital logbook maintained on LoTW to be the official logbook of W5AC.
2. Require that the QSL manager upload the digital logs frequently.
3. Require that the QSL manager print off copies of new entries at least once per year for filing.

2018-2019-2

WHEREAS

1. The Club wishes to remember the football transmission of 1921, and
2. The Club values our rivalry with t.u. and LSU,

We, the Texas A&M University amateur radio club:

1. Create a committee of members to correspond with K5LSU and N5XU on a commemorative transmission.
2. Require this committee to submit to the President of the Club a report on this transmission and all obstacles when requested.
3. Name this committee the "Committee on Commemorating the Football Transmission of 1921"

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2018-2019-3

WHEREAS

1. The Club wishes to ensure the safety of all of its members, and
2. The Club understands that everyone ought to play a role in keeping the club safe,

We, the Texas A&M University amateur radio club:

1. Require all members to alert any other members present at the shack when they enter or leave the shack, especially at night.
2. Ask all members left alone at the shack to call out on the repeater.
3. Add a sign to remind members to notify others of their departure.
4. Ask Kevin to investigate lighting and getting the statues removed.

2018-2019-5

WHEREAS

1. The Club wishes to ensure the safety of all of its members, and
2. The Club understands that everyone ought to play a role in keeping the club safe, and
3. Knowledge of the tower is presently limited to only a handful of members,

We, the Texas A&M University amateur radio club:

1. Direct the Executive Committee to perform a basic PHA and HAZOP on the tower.
2. Request a Management of Change be written for any major changes to the tower.
3. Ask the EC and Advisors to develop a checklist for standard tower procedures (raising, lowering, tilting).
4. Require the entire EC and both advisors to be trained in standard tower procedures and briefed on the PHA/HAZOP outcomes.