



W5AC

Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Wednesday, 09 September 2020

Minutes from the September 2020 General Business Meeting

President/WG1GEM called the meeting to order at 2002L, Vice President/KG5HZE, Treasurer/KI5BVJ, Secretary/KE0MXN, and Advisor/N5TLT were also present. 16 members (14 voting, 2 nonvoting) and 7 guests were virtually present.

Officer Reports

- **President's Report**
 - **President's Report:** WG1GEM welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief overview of the meeting procedure.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - **Worked All Counties of Texas:** KG5HZE noted that the club should work toward contacting all counties in Texas this year if it is willing. W5QZ noted that the club could likely do this without sending someone to all counties, and W5AC could operate from the shack/cars.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Finances:** KI5BVJ reported on the state of the club's finances. *See "Motions and Votes"*.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - *See "Motions and Votes"*.
 - **QSLs:** KE0MXN showed new QSL cards received by the club and noted that the LoTW certificate had been renewed.

Director Reports

- **QSL Manager's Report**
 - *Not present, see "Secretary's Report"*
- **Director of Operations' Report**
 - *Not present.*
- **Historian's Report**
 - **Foxhunt:** W5QZ noted that there are multiple frequencies and styles for foxhunting, and that the club would need to specify which it wants to work with if it wanted to do foxhunting as an activity this semester.
- **Director of Repeater Operations' Report**
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **Website Manager's Report**
 - **Website:** KI5HDS noted that the website had been updated.

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Club Business

- **Membership Cards:** W5QZ asked if the club would receive membership cards. WG1GEM said that the club would when/if the shack safely reopens.
- **Endowment:** WG1GEM noted that once the club fully funds the endowment, it would receive around \$1,000/year, while N5TLT noted that funding more than \$25,000 into the endowment would increase this. WG1GEM encouraged folks to begin asking for donations as it needs to be funded by 2024. *See Motions and Votes.*
- **Equipment:** WG1GEM noted that the tower is still broken, but a dipole or vertical could be placed thereon. WG1GEM also noted that the club has an offer for an HF vertical that he will follow up on.
- **Remote Radio Project:** WG1GEM noted that the Flex radio will be back online soon, and that access procedures will be determined. W5QZ asked whether the Flex would be accessible outside of the university firewall, to which WG1GEM replied that it eventually will be.
- **Shirts:** WG1GEM noted that those who indicated interest to purchase shirts in the spring will get first choice until 9 October, and the password to the marketplace [order form](#) will be sent by email. Local purchasers will be allowed to pick up from EC members at the shack, while others may use USPS flat rate boxes.
- **Shack:** WG1GEM noted that the shack is still closed, and that the air-conditioners are still not working, although maintenance tickets have been submitted. WG1GEM also noted that reopening the shack is a possibility, but tracking of visitors and cleaning need addressed. Anyone with ideas ought to email the club officers.
- **Testing:** WG1GEM noted that Laurel VEC does not offer remote testing, but the club will offer testing by request only in a socially distant manner around once per month as needed. Anyone interested ought to email the club officers.

Motions and Votes:

- **Treasurer's Report:** KI5BVJ read the treasurer's report, which WX4STG motioned to accept and which KE5MUX seconded. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **May Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were recapped as they were sent out over the listserv. KE5MUX motioned to accept the minutes and KG5YRW seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **2020-2021-1R:** WG1GEM asked for the club to decide between putting recent donations towards the endowment or the purchase of a Flex 6400 with ATU (while remaining donations would go toward the endowment). KE5MUX motioned to bring the vote to the floor, while KG5YRW seconded the motion. The club voted in favor of the latter. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **2020-2021-2R:** WG1GEM asked for the club to decide between putting future donations and merchandise receipts towards the endowment or into the main account where each transfer to the

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endowment would be voted on. KI5CLW motioned to bring the vote to the floor, while WX4STG seconded the motion. KE5MUX suggested setting a yearly general operating balance limit above which all donations go in to the endowment, while W5QZ noted that moneys put into the endowment can not be removed later. The club failed to reach a majority on any of the options presented, so the vote failed. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

- **2020-2021-3R:** WG1GEM asked for the club to decide on a day for future meetings. N5TLT et al. remarked to WG1GEM that the vote would be allowed to include non-voting members because it concerns them the same as voting members. KE0MXN noted that there was a heavy bias in this vote against those who had class on Wednesday evenings. N5TLT motioned to bring the vote to the floor, while KG5YRW seconded the motion. The club voted in favor of a Wednesday meeting at 2000L. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

Good of the Order:

- **W5BCS Meeting:** W5BCS' meeting will be on 19 September 2020 at 0930L on their repeater, 146.680 MHz.
- **ARES Meeting:** ARES meeting will be on 14 September 2020 at 2030L on the KD5DLW repeater, 443.425 MHz.
- **TAPR Conference:** The Tucson Amateur Packet Radio conference will be 11-12 September 2020, and you can register on their website.
- **GNU Radio Conference:** The GNU Radio conference will be on 14-18 September 2020, and you can register on their website.
- **Get on the air!** There are new hams on the air.

Adjourn: At 2114L, N5TLT motioned to adjourn the meeting. KI5BVJ seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2114L.

Presentation: *No presentation.* KE5MUX discussed Wings Over Houston airshow.

Respectfully submitted,
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W5AC Secretary

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KG5EYV/SK Mark Hnatiuk

KG5INI Nick Petta

KG5HZE Max Lesser

KG5SDD Jacob Morgan

KG5VGM Matt Conn

KG5YRW Max Witek

KI5BVJ Alex Olah

KI5CLW Alex Hueselbusch

KI5CWD Emily Newby

KI5DRO Robert Filloramo

KI5DUJ Richard Pfeil

KI5GIH Michael Nelson

KI6KYX Robert Preston

KZ3G Bill Preston

M3FGR Dave Rootes

N5TLT Kevin Glueck

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W5MHN Marty Nau

W5QZ David Gent

W5XTT Tom Talley

WA5MWD David Cheek

WG1GEM Connor Farrell

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