



W5AC

Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Wednesday, 14 October 2020

Minutes from the October 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. 18 members (9 voting, 9 nonvoting) and 6 guests were present.

Officer Reports

- **President's Report**
 - **Virtual Meetings:** WG1GEM noted that W5AC is still meeting virtually.
 - **Repeater Update:** WG1GEM noted that he and KI5CLW replaced the VHF repeater antenna and moved the UHF repeater antenna. Any interference ought to be reported to <http://tx.ag/w5acinterference>.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - **Shack Opening:** KG5HZE noted that W5AC's EC is working on a shack opening plan. Those interested ought to email the club officers.
 - **Fall Activities:** KG5HZE noted that the club will work on socially distanced foxhunts if possible.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Treasurer's Report:** KI5BVJ delivered the treasurer's report. *See "Motions and Votes"*.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - **Meeting Minutes:** KI5CLW read the September meeting minutes. *See "Motions and Votes"*.
 - **Mail:** KE0MXN noted that there was only a receipt in the mail.

Director Reports

- **QSL Manager's Report**
 - **QSL Cards:** KI5CWD noted that there were no new QSLs to speak of.
- **Director of Operations' Report**
 - **Director of Operations' Report:** KI5GOK greeted the audience.
- **Historian's Report**
 - **Wheatstone Bridge:** W5QZ exhibited an old Wheatstone Bridge
 - **Variable Inductor:** W5QZ exhibited a variable inductor and commented on its size and how it differs from a variable capacitor.
 - **High-Impedance Headphones and 1940's Portable Radio:** W5QZ exhibited high-impedance head phones and a 1940's portable radio, emphasizing that it used tubes and had a 7.5V and 90V battery (not a typo).
 - **SSTV:** W5QZ noted that there was an SSTV transmission set from the ISS last week.

Club Business

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- **Dues:** WG1GEM noted that dues can be paid online at <http://tx.ag/w5acdues>. All memberships from the 2019–2020 school year expired 10/1. W5QZ asked about membership cards, to which WG1GEM noted that they are in the works.
- **Shirts:** WG1GEM noted that shirts are available; individuals purchasing shirts from within the area can pick up, while those purchasing elsewhere can purchase a flat-rate box. WG1GEM also noted that shirt orders will be made public by week's end.
- **Remote Operation Station:** WG1GEM noted that the Flex 6400 is ordered and will be shipped soon. KI5BVJ asked if an antenna is available at the O&M building, to which WG1GEM responded that there is a 40m dipole and the folded-terminated dipole and G5RV are alternative options available to the club.
- **School Club Roundup:** WG1GEM noted that the club will not be participating in the SCR contest this year. KI5BVJ noted that CARI holds meetings and that he will update the club if there is any CARI news.
- **Testing:** WG1GEM noted that testing opportunities might come up soon.
- **Donated Equipment:** WG1GEM noted that Billy Moore and Stephine Lacey donated a HW-101 and some other equipment, and N5TLT noted that his father had also donated a transceiver (or receiver) and some other equipment. W5QZ noted that the HW-101 is a classic.

Motions and Votes

- **Treasurer's Report:** KEOMXN motioned to accept the treasurer's report, and KI5CLW seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KEOMXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **September Meeting Minutes:** KG5HZE motioned to accept the September meeting minutes, and KG5VGM seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. KEOMXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

Good of the Order:

- **W5BCS Meeting:** W5BCS will have their monthly meeting on their repeater at 0930L this Saturday, 17 October 2020.
- **ARES Meeting:** ARES will have their meeting at 20:00 on 19 October 2020.
- **JOTA/JOTI:** The JOTA and online JOTA will be from 18 October to 19 October 2020.
- **Scholarships:** ARRL and TAMU scholarships are not open.
- **Nets:** Multiple nets are online! Feel free to hop in. If you would like to volunteer, email the club officers.
- **Local Nets**
 - Information Net: Mondays at 2000L – 146.820 and 443.050
 - Reveille Net: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays at 0730L – 146.820 and 443.050
 - W5BCS Net: Tuesdays at 2000L – 146.680
 - SSTV Net: Fridays at 2000: – 146.820 and 443.050

Adjourn: At 2044L, KG5HZE motioned to adjourn the meeting, and N5TLT seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2044L until 11 November 2020 at 2000L.

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Respectfully submitted,
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W5AC Secretary



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KG5HZE Max Lesser

KG5VGM Matt Conn

KI5BVJ Alex Olah

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KI5CWD Emily Newby

KI5GOK Lucas Robirds

N5TLT Kevin Glueck

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W5QZ David Gent

WG1GEM Connor Farrell

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