



W5AC

Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Wednesday, 11 November 2020

Minutes from the November 2020 General Business Meeting

President/WG1GEM called the meeting to order at 2001L, Vice President/KG5HZE, Treasurer/KI5BVJ, and Secretary/KE0MXN were also present. 17 members (13 voting, 4 nonvoting), 2 voting members by proxy, and 4 guests were present.

Officer Reports

- **President's Report**
 - **Meeting Introduction:** WG1GEM welcomed new attendees to the meeting.
 - **Advisor Update:** WG1GEM noted that N5TLT is switching jobs and is therefore busy in the interim. N5TLT will still be eligible to be advisor to W5AC.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - **Shack Updates:** KG5HZE noted that the shack is still closed.
 - **Winter/Spring Activities:** KG5HZE noted that any individuals who would like to participate in socially-distanced amateur radio activities during the break or during next semester should contact one of the officers to set up such activities.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Treasurer's Report:** KI5BVJ delivered the treasurer's report. *See "Motions and Votes"*.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - **Meeting Minutes:** KE0MXN read the October meeting minutes. *See "Motions and Votes"*.
 - **Mail:** KE0MXN noted that there was no mail as of two weeks before the meeting.

Director Reports

- **QSL Manager's Report**
 - **QSL Cards:** KI5CWD noted that there were no new QSLs.
- **Historian's Report**
 - **Radiochess:** W5QZ noted that 47 years ago, W5AC and W5EHM transmitted a chess match over-the-air for the t.u. and A&M chess clubs. W5QZ remarked that the moves were transmitted over 2m to the W5AC shack (due to a lack of space for five chess tables and patrons at the shack) where it was then re-transmitted to W5EHM on 40m. Other radio operators discussed moves on the air. W5QZ also remarked that he played radiochess with a friend in Missouri and a few Europeans and that W5AC "also played a Radio Chess Match in 2013 with the real UT in Knoxville, TN. We [W5AC] were winning all 5 boards when they had transmitter problems and went QRT."

Club Business

- **Shirts:** WG1GEM noted that shirts are available to everyone on the Marketplace store.
- **Remote Operation Station:** WG1GEM noted that the Flex 6400 had arrived and had been installed in the repeater closet at O&M. WG1GEM noted that the autotuners would be ordered when the

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club's balance had been resolved at the SOFC. Upon installation, however, WG1GEM et al. noted that the rated power distribution to the closet has been exceeded. Because of this, a new power run is necessary to power the Flex 6400 and this run needs to be ordered through SSC in coordination with the building proctor. WG1GEM proposed to have this investigated and completed. W5QZ asked if W5AC would be responsible for power consumed, to which WG1GEM responded no. *See "Motions and Votes"*.

- **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 be available soon. Interested parties should visit <https://tx.ag/w5acexams>.
- **December Meeting:** KG5HZE noted that the December meeting is currently scheduled for the last day of finals, 9 December 2020. WG1GEM remarked that a poll for the specific date and time of the December meeting will be distributed to the ListServ.

Motions and Votes

- **Treasurer's Report:** KE5MUX motioned to accept the treasurer's report, and KG5VGM seconded the motion. WG1GEM certified that the motion passed. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **October Meeting Minutes:** KE5MUX motioned to accept the October meeting minutes, and KG5VGM seconded the motion. WG1GEM certified that the motion passed. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.
- **Power Run to Repeater Closet:** KG5VGM motioned to authorize the spending of up to \$800.00 for the O&M power upgrades. KE5MUX seconded the motion, which passed without opposition. KE0MXN certified that the meeting had quorum.

Good of the Order:

- **W5BCS Meeting:** W5BCS will have their monthly meeting on their repeater at 0930L on Saturday, 21 November 2020.
- **DX:** a few DX stations on the air this month include 4U75UN, TZ1CE, and S01WS.
- **Contests:** The November Phone Sweepstakes will be from 21-23 November. The EME contest will be from 28-29 November.
- **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 2035L, KG5INI motioned to adjourn the meeting, and KE5MUX seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2035L until 9 December 2020 at 2000L or the date and time decided by the club per the survey to be transmitted to the ListServ.

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Respectfully submitted,
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W5AC Secretary



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KG5VGM Matt Conn

KI5BVJ Alex Olah

KI5CLW Alex Hueselbusch

KI5CWD Emily Newby

KI5GOK Lucas Robirds

N5TLT Kevin Glueck

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W5QZ David Gent

WG1GEM Connor Farrell

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