



W5AC

Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



Thursday, May 12, 2022

Meeting Minutes from May 2022 General Business Meeting

President/K1FMJ called the meeting to order at 19:30 (UTC-6). Vice President/KI5IFE, Secretary/W5FCH, and 13 members were physically present with 3 on zoom, at least 11 of which were voting members for quorum.

Officer Reports

- **President's Report**

- Sean (K1FMJ) reminded everyone to get any personal items out of the shack by May 16th. Sean discussed how we now have Kevin Nowka as our primary, and Krista (KI5IFE) was introduced as the new QSL Manager, and we are officially recognized by the University again! Sean noted that the Rohn tower situation was resolved as part of a repeater deal we weren't originally aware of, and the Flex was moved to Dave's (W5QZ) place to try and set it up with an antenna over the summer. The main reasons for this was the restricted access to the O&M antenna to fix it, and internet for the Flex was blocked by University firewalls at O&M. Moving to Dave's place allows us to test without firewalls and Dave is going to the Dayton hamfest to try and buy whatever else the Flex needs to be functional.
- Additionally, the club officer email is temporarily changed to clubofficers.w5ac@gmail.com, as the current club officer email is being ran off a computer in the shack which will be gone at the end of May. We're also looking into solution for the website as it's being ran from somewhere within the architecture department and TAMU IT is trying to consolidate and repurpose the machine.

- **Vice President's Report**

- Krista (KI5IFE) introduced herself as the QSL manager, and discussed T-shirt designs she's made for the club.

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- **Secretary's Report**

- Christian (W5FCH) noted past meeting minutes were sent via listserv email. Additionally, gauged interest in summer nets and mentioned we will likely have summer meetings to keep the club updated about our activities, although we can't do club business over the summer. These meetings could possibly be reserved at O&M, in addition to Zoom.

Minutes Motioned and Seconded by Sam/Jace

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Hudson (KL4LJ) wasn't at the meeting, so the Treasurer's report with current account balances was reported by Sean. Additionally, Sean reported about the cost of the storage unit and how much we made from scrapping the tower behind the shack.

Motioned and Seconded by Sam/Bill

Director Reports

- **Historian's Report**

- Dave (W5QZ) wasn't present at this meeting but Sean discussed some information Dave sent about the Dayton hamfest he will be attending in Ohio. Sean read how it was made into a 3 day event with thousands of booths in addition to hundreds of commercial vendors that take up 6 buildings. Sean talked about the various things that happen at hamfest, anything from license testing to the food options or banquets that are sponsored near hamfest.
- On a different note, Dave said he had made contact with a Prairie View ECEN professor who said their radio club has dissolved and lost their license, but might be interested in doing events with W5AC. Additionally, other A&M campuses' may be in a similar state where we could reach out and make contact. Dave ended by saying he'll be working on various ham projects over the summer after getting back from hamfest.

Club Business

- **Engineering Affiliation**

- Provided there are no additional restrictions or administrative oversight for the club, and we aren't stuck in the EDC then we can affiliate with the college of

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Engineering and become an Engineering club. Student activities has said we wouldn't lose access to anything, only gain what Engineering had to offer such as access to Zachary, in addition to having more potential for acquiring a new shack. We will reach out the student activities and other advisors to find out if we would have any restrictions or oversight before pursuing this change. If there are, no action will be taken until it can be discussed in the next business meeting in the Fall.

Motioned and Seconded by Max/Conner

- **Meeting Closed at 8:26pm**

Motioned and Seconded by Conner/Sam

Motions and Votes

- **Secretary's Report:** Motioned by Sam, Seconded by Jace
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motioned by Sam, Seconded by Bill
- **Engineering Affiliation:** Motioned by Max, Seconded by Conner
- **Meeting Closed:** Motioned by Conner, Seconded by Sam

Voting Members Present

- Sean Cooley (K1FMJ)
- Krista Phu (KI5IFE)
- Christian Hurst (W5FCH)
- Max Lesser (KG5HZE)
- Connor Farrell (WG1GEM)
- Jace Nelson (KE0MXN)
- Alex Olah (KI5BVJ)
- Sam Gardner (WX4STG)
- Nicholas Petta (KG5INI)
- Theresa Williams (KE5MUX)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Robert Preston (KI6KYX)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)

Zoom-

- Jacob Morgan (KG5SDD)
- Glen Reid
- Brian

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