



Four States Amateur Radio Club

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4SARC Business meeting minutes for January 2 2016

Attendees: 24

Steve Rogers	Daniel Dieffenbacher	Ignacio Guzman
David Glenn	Jonathan Rogers	Jim Hickey
Anita Nettles	Robert Tallent Jr	Rudy Hartridge
Robert Bailey	Bert Phillips	Arthur Christy
Robert Ward	Kathy Phillips	Richard Arthur
Bob Tallent Sr.	Rich Sherman	Madison Brown
Clarence Shilling	Larue Shilling	Carl Nyman
George Knight	Gerald Dycus	Jimmincia Jackson

Meeting called to order at 9:22 AM by Steve Rogers

Invocation and Pledge led by Bert Phillips

OLD Business discussions

Treasurer report presented by Anita Nettles. Current balance is 10,735.88. Motion to accept by Clarence Shilling and seconded by Danny Dieffenbacher.

Meeting minutes for December 2015 were presented by Richard Arthur. Motion to accept minutes made by Larue Shilling and seconded by Clarence Shilling.

Old Business

HAMFEST. David Glenn received a deposit contract for May 7th. David has not committed to the contract as yet. Deposit has been reduced to \$150. The full rental has been reduced from \$750 to \$720 which is a \$30 reduction from previous.

Clarence Shilling led discussion regarding the 2016 Hamfest plans. Clarence stated that he has contacted MTC as well as others regarding the May 7th schedule however he has not heard from them and as such no commitments have been secured to date. Clarence did send Richard (MTC) an email with no response to date. Clarence made a verbal commitment to not charge vendors for tables. Clarence expressed his concern regarding attendance. In 2015 and

estimated 248 people attended. In order to secure more commitments by vendors in 2016, he believes that attendance should be in the neighborhood of 350 attendees.

It was suggested by David Glenn that we may be better off holding a gun or big screen TV raffle in lieu of a HAMFEST. Clarence Shilling stated that we need to make some decisions fast as the May 7th deadline is looming. Additional discussions occurred regarding the need to Generate/accelerate advertisements for the HAMFEST. While several ideas were discussed, no one single idea was solidified. Clarence made note of the fact that some clubs actually pay vendors to attend a HAMFEST. Clarence was contacted by Ronald (JMR) and asked if we will have a HAMFEST. Clarence informed him that as far as he knows we will have one. Ronald is a vendor for MFJ and as such will attend with MFJ products in hand if he receives pre-HAMFEST orders. It is important to note that May the 7th is a date that others would like to have as well and as such decisions need to be made. David Glenn stated that if we cancel, we need to do so more than 30 days out to secure a refund. Robert Bailey committed to contact HRO.

A rather large discussion ensued regarding the cost of tables. Several models were discussed. As an example, Ft. Worth is charging \$35/table while we are only asking for \$10. It was noted that due to the size of our available venue we do not have the required break-out rooms to conduct training and seminars as the larger cities do. Steve Rogers solicited information to ensure we are all talking to vendors from the same sheet of music regarding the cost of tables. The final agreement is that any commercial vendor who attends will be provided free tables. A motion was made by Rudy Hartridge and seconded by Larue Shilling to provide commercial vendors free tables. Motion carried.

Motion was made to allow David Glenn to commit to the \$150.00 deposit for the building. Motion made by Robert Ward and seconded by George Knight. Motion carried.

It was noted that we need a raffle committee, food committee, facility committee just to get us started.

Members discussed the need for ongoing board meetings. It was noted that per the 4SARC current By-Laws and 5013c requirements, we are required to conduct at least one board meeting per annum.

After some discussion regarding the purpose of Board meetings, a motion was made to suspend monthly board meetings with the exception of one per annum. Motion was made Richard Arthur and seconded by Danny Dieffenbacher. Motion carried noting that the current by-laws will need to be changed to reflect the groups decision.

Clarence Shilling noted that George Harrison (RTL) will be available speaking at our February business meeting.

NEW Business

Club member George Knight has requested assistance with a planned high altitude balloon launch from possibly April 15th at 12:45. As this is a school funded project it will be necessary to retrieve the gear after it touches down. This event may be required to extend into the first part of May. David has committed to providing literature at the May 7th HAMFEST to help promote the event as well as HAM radio. Firm launch location TBD.

David Glenn briefly announced the idea of providing solar power for the 146.62 repeater. This will require additional research to determine cost and benefits. This will then need to be presented to the club members further discussions.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Rudy Hartridge and seconded by Bob Tallent Sr. Motion carried.

VE testing was conducted following the business meeting resulting in two new Technician class licensees. Madison Brown and Jimmincia Jackson have joined the world of Amateur Radio. Congratulations to both.