



Four States Amateur Radio Club

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Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2014

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: Wadley Regional Medical Center - 2nd Floor Cafeteria

Members Present: 25

Visitors: 8

President, David Jackson (KE5ZHF) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Bert Phillips (KA5VLQ) opened the meeting with a prayer and led the membership in the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the January meeting were emailed to all members by Carl Nyman (AA5VE). A motion was made by David Jackson to accept the minutes, and it was seconded Velah Brown (KF5MOY). The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer David Teague (N5GTE) reported a bank balance of \$2593.42 with no outstanding debt. The FSARC received \$332 in dues and paid out \$300 for 146.62 repeater tower lease on 1/14/14. David Teague encouraged all to pay their membership dues in order to be able to be a voting member of the FSARC. Clarence Shilling (WB5BYV) made a motion to approve the financial report and Monroe Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Education:

Clarence Shilling discussed the FSARC education plan for the beginning of the year.

Morse Code class is ongoing and will be completed February 11th. Danny Diffenbacher (KF5VAH), Charles Mackey (KF5VFF), David Teague

(N5GTE), David Jackson (KE5ZHF), Arthur Christy(KF5VWN), Mark Higginbotham (KF5YOE) and Thermon Dennis (KA0BRT) are taking the class.

The Technician class is scheduled for March 4, 2014 at the Nash Fire station. Those wishing to take the Technician class need to submit their name, telephone number and email address to Clarence Schilling so he can get them on the roster and ensure they have the proper training materials for the course. David Teague will order books for those taking the class, if a student needs a Technician book contact David Teague. Books are \$20 if purchased through the FSARC. Last year's class had a 98% success rate.

Hamfest:

Larue Shilling, Coordinator for FSARC Concessions, requested for FSARC members and their spouses sign up to work in the concessions. Larue needs people to help with serving plates, taking orders, collecting money and running errands. Concessions needs 8 ice chests for the Hamfest, The following have indicated they can provide ice chests:

Doug Ramsey (KF5WXF) – 2
Charlotte Nyman (KB5TUO)-2
Terry Brown (AF5AW) -1
Monroe Lee (KK5NF)-1

Concessions also needs 1- 24 cup and 1-12 cup coffee maker. Concessions will be a major money maker for the club this year and member participation is required to make it a success.

A FSARC Hamfest meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2014 6:30PM at Able Communications

Community Service/ Upcoming Events:

President, David Jackson discussed the upcoming activities in the club including the 2014 Hamfest and scheduled events.

The following are events the FSARC are planning to participate in:

Run the Line – February 16, 2014- Contact Clarence Schilling for information. FSARC is waiting direction/information from Run the Line Coordinator.

ARKLATEX Challenge- April 5, 2014- Community Bike Race that's 80 miles long.

FSARC Hamfest- May 3, 2014- Primary fund raiser for the FSARC -We need all members to participate and support the Hamfest.

ARRL Field Day- June 28 and 29, 2014

New Business

Elections of Directors:

David Jackson (KE5ZHF) explained the bylaws of the club for electing officers and directors. In January's meeting nominations were held for two open FSARC Director Positions. Terry Brown (AF5AW) nominated Robert Bailey (N5ITN) for director. Malcolm Bussey(N5GKV) self-nominated. David asked for a motion to hold elections for the vacant Director positions. Terry Brown made a motion that elections be held and Velah Brown seconded the motion. Elections for the first director nominee Robert Bailey were held. Robert Bailey was unanimously approved. Elections for the second director nominee Malcolm Bussey were held. Malcolm Bussey was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

FSARC members discussed ways to expose Boy Scouts and students to Ham Radio. A suggestion was raised to contact the Boy Scouts Caddo District and see if the FSARC could participate in their upcoming scouting events. No motions were made.

Other

Alara Duncan was introduced to the FSARC members. Alara is the granddaughter of Paul Grable. She was welcomed by the members and encouraged to return to future meetings.

The FSARC members were introduced to Red Cross Disaster Managers Clare Francavilla and John Davis. Francavilla and Davis gave a brief overview of what the Regional Red Cross does for the community. The Red Cross attended the FSARC to get a better understanding of amateur radio and its potential to provide communications support to the Red Cross.

Todd Hoover (N5TJH) from Longview Amateur Radio Club and Bob Davis (N5ZVW) from SARA addressed the FSARC members to promote their

upcoming "East Texas Regional Amateur Radio Tailgate Sale". He was soliciting support from the FSARC to become a Co-Sponsor of the event. Donations received from Co-Sponsor and individuals will go to build a D-Star Communication system along the I-20 corridor. The tailgate event will be held on April 12, 2014 between 7:30AM and 11:00AM at LeTourneau University in Longview. You can find information at LETARC.ORG. FSARC made no commitments to Co-Sponsor this event.

Tim Hall (K5TFH) SARA spoke to the FSARC about upcoming SARA Hamfest in Shreveport. Their Hamfest will be held on August 9, 2014.

David Teague made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Monroe Lee seconded the motion. Motion approved by all.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30AM

Officers and Board of Directors Present:

President	David Jackson (KE5ZHF)
Vice-President	Danny Freeman (KE5THI)
Treasurer	David Teague (N5GTE)
Secretary	Carl Nyman (AA5VE)
Trustee/Director	Clarence Shilling (WB5BYV)
Director	Jason Spivey (N5YEV)
Director	Robert Bailey (N5ITN)

Submitted by:

Carl Nyman (AA5VE)
Secretary - Four States Amateur Radio Club