



# Four States Amateur Radio Club

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February 7, 2015

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: Wadley Regional Medical Center – Cafeteria

Members Present: 30 Guest: 3

Vice-President David Glenn called the meeting to order (9:30 A.M.)

Brother Jim Hickey gave the opening prayer and led the pledge to the flag.

Secretary Richard Hopkins gave a summary of the minutes from the last executive meeting. A motion was made by David Teague and seconded by Larue Shilling to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Treasurer David Teague presented the treasurer report as follows:

- Current Balance-----\$7,950.15
- Pending P.O. Box rental fee----- 150.00

David, also, brought up pending expenses that were discussed at the executive board meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. These expenses were in regards to the ham-fest and are covered in detail later in the minutes. A motion was made by Larue Shillings and seconded by Clearance Shilling to approve the treasurer report. It was approved by the members present.

President Steve Rogers brought to the floor that a steering committee needed to be formed to address the upcoming ham-fest.

Arthur Christy addressed the meeting about upcoming *Skywarn* classes. He stated that the basic class will be held March 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. The advanced class will follow at 10:45 A.M. Both meetings will take place at the Nash Fire Department.

The bylaws committee presented the rough draft of the proposed new bylaws. It was discussed at length. Robert Bailey opened discussion about the use of Roberts Rules of Order and what part it would play in the new bylaws. After much discussion on this issue by the members, it was

the consensus that no changes would be made to the bylaws rough draft and that the club would utilize Roberts Rules of Order as a benchmark for conducting business.

Robert Ward inquired as to when the new bylaws would be brought to a vote. The executive board and the bylaws committee were hoping that a vote could be accomplished at the March regular meeting.

Clarence Shilling addressed the Run For Life event and that he still needed three additional people to come forward and help. He further added that a breakfast meeting would take place at Grandy's at 6:30 A.M.

More people are needed for the bike ride event that is scheduled for April 11, 2015. There was some limited discussion, but this item was tabled for further discussion.

Technician classes will start March 4, 2015 and Clarence said he still needed some additional instructors to fill some of the slots.

We had two guests from the Shreveport ham-fest committee speak about the upcoming event in August. They were very informative and shared some very good ideas that would assist us in our upcoming ham-fest.

## **Old Business**

President Steve Rogers brought to the floor a pending item from last month's agenda. Currently the bylaws require 40% of the voting membership be present in order to have a quorum. The executive committee recommends this be lowered to 20% so that the *Four States Amateur Radio Club* can better conduct business. Jason Spivey stated that we had come close to not having enough present at our meetings to conduct business.

A motion was made by Greg English and seconded by Doug Ramsey to amend the bylaws as presented by Steve Rogers. This motion was passed.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Larue Shilling and seconded by David Teague to accept the rough draft as presented to be voted on by the membership at the March scheduled meeting.

Greg English raised the question regarding our finances. He wanted to know if we were maintaining sufficient funds in escrow in case of equipment failure at the repeater sight. There was discussion regarding our overall financial obligations and a reasonable amount of cash was on hand to address issues with the repeater.

A ham-fest committee was formed and the membership directed that \$2500.00 be earmarked for the committee. This money was for prizes, food and misc. expenses. A motion was made by Arthur Christy and seconded by Anita Nettles for these funds. This measure was passed.

There was some discussion of the upcoming field day event but no business was discussed.

A motion was made by Greg English and seconded by Robert Ward that we adjourn. (11:00 A.M.)

Compiled by

Richard Hopkins