

Four States Amateur Radio Club
August 2020 Minutes
August 1, 2020

President Charles Mackey (KF5VAA) called the club to order on the 146.62 repeater. President then asked Robert Ward (N5TXK) to give a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

President asked for a roll call of operators present: KG5BOC, KF5VAE, N5RGA, WB5BYV, KI5BZO, AA5VE, K5NTT, N5TXK, AND KF5VAA.

President asked the secretary of the club, Robert Ward (N5TXK), to give the minutes of the June 6, 2020 meeting. After the reading of the minutes David Glenn (KF5VAE) made a motion to accept as read; Eric Richards seconded the motion.

President asked the treasurer, David Glenn (KF5VAE), to give the financial reports of the club. The treasurer stated that the club has \$ 8,792.09 total in both accounts and still have one outstanding bill to pay, which is the liability insurance of \$323 per year. President asked for an acceptance as read and Greg English (KG5BOC) made the motion with Eric Richards (KI5BZO) seconding the motion.

President asked Arthur Christy (KF5VWN) to give us a report on the repeaters and D-Star. Arthur stated that the towers (repeaters) are doing great. Still having problems getting the Newsletter out due to Windstream and Cable One blocking from getting to some of the members. It seems like the cable companies are blocking the letter as spam. Arthur stated that he was working on the solution for this problem.

President stated that David Glenn (KF5VAE) has stated previously that the gun raffle should be delayed until next year. President opened this up for discussion and found none to discuss.

President informed the club that he and Mike Falls (N5LQV) has decided to put off the Tail Gate Party, which was going to be held at the Elks Lodge, until next year. President asked for any discussion and received none.

President opened the meeting up to any operator who wanted to discuss Field-Day. Carl Nyman (AA5VE) discussed his equipment and the results that he obtained doing CW contacts. He turned in the results of his contacts to ARRL. Eric Richards (KI5DZO) explained his setup and contacts. Robert Ward (N5TXK) stated that he worked off his equipment and the amount of contacts he made. He stated that he missed the food and other operators at the Field-Day. Bart Crayton (KM5SP) gave his account of his Field-Day including the bands that he used and submitting the information through the computer. President gave his account of Field-Day where he setup the Radio Trailer and put the lawn chairs out and no one showed up to have refreshments with him.

President brought up the Mena Hamfest that would have been in September 2020 but was canceled due to the Arkansas State rules for the Covid-19 Pandemic. President stated that the September Club meeting will most likely be on the club repeater again. The meeting will be September 5, 2020. Club meeting on October the 3rd maybe at the Chuck Wagon but he does not know. He stated that it might be another round table like this meeting is. President opened up for discussion. David Glenn (KF5VAE) spoke up and stated that he may have a suggestion for the September 2020 club meeting. He stated that he has a friend on the Corps Of Engineers at Lake Wright Patman. He stated that he

might be able to get the Sportsman Cove for the meeting. The area has a large pavilion that the club could use. David Glenn also stated that this was a place the club has used before. President stated that we do not have a quorum today but may put out information in the club's newsletter or on the Thursday Night Net .

KM5SP asked the President a question concerning when the next test date is scheduled for testing. The president came back and stated that Steve Rogers (AF5JR) was planning a testing date for someone else wanting to upgrade.

Arthur Christy (KF5VWN) brought up that anyone wanting to be included in the next test session can send an e-mail to exam@4SARC org that goes to Steve Rogers, the test coordinator, so he would have a record of the person wanting to test. He sets up the testing dates from this record. He also stated to include dates that the person is open for the test session.

Arthur Christy (KF5VWN) stated that for the newsletter one can always go to the clubs web site and log in, then go to member only, then to archive, then newsletter. This will show you all the newsletters and a person can read or print out the newsletters.

President asked for anyone to speak up if they have anything else to bring up during this meeting. Hearing none, the President asked for motions to adjourn the meeting. David Glenn made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Eric Richards (KI5BZO) seconding the motion. President thanked everyone for attending a historic club meeting. He returned the repeater to normal operations.