

Four States Amateur Radio Club May 2020 Minutes

President Charles Mackey (KF5VAA) called the club meeting to order on the 146.62 repeater. The United States of America and the Texas and Arkansas states are under a Covid-19 Pandemic. The restaurant that the club meets at is closed to dining in. The President asked Robert Ward (N5TXK) to lead the club in the Pledge to the American Flag and an opening prayer.

Secretary Robert Ward was asked by the President to give the minutes of the last meeting. Secretary gave a condensed version of the minutes to the April meeting. After the reading of the minutes President asked for acceptance of the minutes. Greg English (KG5BOC) made the motion to accept the minutes and David Glenn (KF5VAE) seconded the motion.

President ask the Treasurer of the club David Glenn for a club financial report for the month of April 2020. Treasurer announced that the club has \$8,957.09 in the bank with 43 dues paying members in the club. President ask for the acceptance of the financial report. A motion was made by Greg English (KG5BOC) and seconded by Clarence Shilling (WB5BYV).

President called Arthur Christy (KF5VWN) to give us information on the repeaters and D-Star. Arthur stated that everything at the tower was going good. Skywarn was activated twice in the last weeks with no problems.

President went to the topic of the gun raffle. President brought out that the gun raffle be delayed til next year due to the virus. David had no additional comments besides maybe having it at the end of the year if the virus goes away and we return to normal, whatever normal will be.

Ark-La-Tex Challenge was brought up by the president stating that the organization that was holding the challenge has put it off till next year. President stated that the club voted previously to not take part in the challenge but discussion later in the meeting corrected the president that the club would have participated in the event if it was going to be held.

President went on to state that the tailgate swap meet would be delayed to a later date or in the next year. Mike Falls (N5LQV) has told the President that it would be at the Elk Lodge when it is held.

President brought up Field Day that will be on June 27 – 28, 2020. The club still has the large pavilion rented , or Steve Rogers (AF5JR) does, at Spring Lake Park. Due to the Covid-19 virus, ARRL has put out that taking a creative approach to Field Day by operating in a Class B, C, D, Or E and utilizing your own call sign. If we have a Field Day do we have Big Jaks and do we invite the Atlanta Club to it? The President ask for discussion on this topic. A question was asked if the club will be getting its money back if the park is closed. President asked Steve Rogers (AF5JR) about this question and he stated that the money that was put up for the rent was his and not the clubs and he was not worried about it. President stated that we will have to sit back and wait to determine about the Field Day and the food since things look like they are opening up slowly.

President brought up that the next meeting will be June 6, 2020 either in person or by round table on the radio.

Gary Martin (N5HOG) was asked about the State Parks by the president as to being open. Gary stated that they are opening very slowly and some will be open on May 15th with Arkansas residents camping only. Just rolling them out slowly he stated.

A roll call was completed as to the Hams on the repeater. They were KG5MVX, N5HOG WB5BYV, KF5VAE, K5NTT, KA0BRT, N5RGA, KG5BOC, KX5FUZ, AF5JR, courtesy check N5THT, KF5VWN, visitor WU5H, and KG5IGZ.

President ask for a motion to close the meeting. KG5BOC made the motion with KF5VAE seconded the motion.

Meeting was closed and repeater was placed back to normal operations..