

Four States Amateur Radio
Meeting Minutes March 7, 2020

President Charles Mackey called the meeting to order and asked Robert Ward to do the Prayer and Pledge to the American flag.

Secretary Robert Ward was asked to give the minutes to the February meeting. After the minutes were stated Greg English made a motion to accept the minutes and David Teague seconded the motion. Members voted to accept the motion.

Treasurer David Glenn was asked to give the financial statement to the club. David stated that there is \$ 9909.79 in both accounts with two outstanding bills. The two checks will be sent out, one for the antenna rental and one for the telephone/internet bill. David Teague made a motion to accept the financial statement and Greg English seconded the motion. The club approved the motion.

Arthur Christy was asked to give a report for the tower and skywarn. Arthur stated that the tower is good and that skywarn is working just fine. D-Star is working good. A big announcement for the club is that KX5FUZ Steve Oglesby is the ARES emergency coordinator for Bowie County. Discussion was made with Steve Oglesby describing his past and present life in ham radio. He also stated that he had a friend that asked for Ham Radio in the court house. Steve stated that he got in Ham Radio to help and he will do that in his position.

President Charles Mackey brought up the bell ringing that was completed in December 2019. He stated that the club brought in \$449 and the Christmas before (December 2018) we collected \$499.

President Charles Mackey asked David Glenn to give us an update on the gun fundraiser. David Glenn stated that the hottest rifle out in the world is a S&W M&P 15 Sports II that is a 5.56 Cartridge, which is a 2.23 round. This is known as an AR-15. The gun would go for \$680.00 + tax. David stated that if he could find the tax exempt for the club he would use it and the tax would be removed. This would be the grand prize. The second place prize would be a Glock G-19 Generation 4, 9mm with a 15 round clip. The Glock would run the club \$540. The club is looking at around \$1200 dollars for both guns.

David discussed the ticket sales by stating that if we print 2000 tickets, David likes the four step program for selling tickets, 1 ticket for \$5; 2 tickets for \$10; 7 tickets for \$20; and 20 tickets for \$50. This would be selling the tickets for \$2.50 a piece. In selling the tickets the most case would be \$10,000 at \$5 and selling at \$2.50 would be \$5,000. The worst possible case would be making \$3,000 and the best case would be \$9,000. David stated that it would fall between the numbers. Discussion of the AR-15 with David Teague and the club members. Discussion was also around the parameters of selling the tickets. Steve Rogers made a motion to authorize David Glenn to purchase the firearms and get the tickets printed the way David Glenn stated. Jonathan Rogers seconded the motion and the club voted to approve the motion. Discussion came up to ask if the gun was going to be bought in Texas or Arkansas. It was determined that the gun would be bought in Texas with a pawn shop on the Arkansas side that would work with the club if a person that lived in Arkansas won the gun.

President Charles Mackey asked Gary Martin N5HOG to discuss the special event at the Jonquil Festival at Old Washington State Park at Washington, Arkansas. They will be using special events call W5W with three radios being used. Trying to get K5NTT, Matt, to come do CW or anyone that would like to come and do it. Doing POTA for those who are interested in that or the Trail of Tears that will

be in front of the area. Friday and Saturday, 3/20 – 3/22/2020, will be the days that will be on the air. Certificates and QSL cards will be given for contacts.

President Charles Mackey brought up the tailgate party on 5/30/2020 that will be hosted by the Miller County ARES located at the Elk Lodge. The members brought up that 4SARC would not be top billing but could be involved in the activities of the event. Mike Falls N5LQV and Charles Mackey are the ones that will be putting the tailgate event on.

Steve Rogers stated that the ArkLaTex Challenge will be on April 4th. Steve Rogers discussed the reason behind helping in the challenge. Steve Rogers made a motion to do the event. Greg English seconded the motion and the club agreed. Sag trucks will need four Hams to be in the trucks. The challenge starts at 930 am that morning of April 4th. Further discussion took place on the event. April 4th will be a club meeting that will be an un-offical meeting at the event.

Additional notes ARES uses ICS 100 and ICS 700 on FEMA web site.

Motion for adjournment was called by Charles Mackey and Robert Ward made a motion to adjourn and Gary Martin seconded with club voting to approve.

Present for the March 2020 monthly meeting:

President Charles Mackey KF5VAA
Vice President
Secretary Robert Ward N5TXK
Treasure David Glenn KF5VAE

Director
Director
Director David Teague N5GTE

Eric Richards KI5BZO
Evan Vestre KI7DZP
Gary Martin N5HOG
Steve Rogers AF5JR
Steve Oglesby KX5FUZ
Jonathan Rogers AF5JQ

Greg English KG5BOC
Ronnie Rumsey KA5LEK
Arthur Christy KF5VWN