



Four States Amateur Radio Club March 5 2016

Attendees

Daniel Dieffenbacher	Bert Phillips	David Glenn	Larue Shilling
Richard Arthur	Loren Ainsworth	Gregory English	Robert Bailey
Jonathan Rogers	Roger L. Robinson	Arthur Christy	Robert Ward
Lyle Melton	Doug Ramsey	Charles Bishop	David Teague
Anne Lee	Monroe Lee	Caleb Lee	Jason Spivey
Michael Holihan	Malcolm Bussey	Anita Nettles	Robert Tallent Jr.
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Meeting was called to order at 09:34

Meeting rules were temporarily suspended for CAP (Civil Air Patrol) presentation. Informative presentations were provided by LTC Lyle Melton and COL Chuck Melton WB5GSA. Both provided an in depth information on the CAP communication systems. COL Bishop and LTC Melton solicited for any assistance the 4SARC can provide.

Regular business meeting resumed at 09:50.

Meeting Minutes for the February 6 meeting were generated by David Glenn and presented by Robert Bailey. Motion to accept: Gregory English. Second: Larue Shilling.

Treasury report was provided by Anita Nettles. Anita shows us as having a balance of \$10,825.39. Motion to accept: Greg English. Second: Richard Arthur.

Old Business

Clarence Shilling began discussing Arklatex Challenge for Saturday April the 2nd. April the 2nd is also our regularly scheduled business meeting date as well as Scout-O-Rama at Spring Lake Park. So far Clarence has no volunteers for the Arklatex Challenge. This is a 70 mile bike ride through two states and will require 20 volunteers to be properly staffed. This will not be an event suitable for HT's. Volunteers will need to have a 25 watt radio connected to a mag mount antenna with DC connectivity to the vehicle either by a cigarette lighter connector or direct connection to the vehicle power. Cell phones do not work in some areas and as such may not be useful. Interested volunteers need to be downtown Texarkana at the bike shop Thursday March the 10th at 05:30 PM.

This event begins at 8 AM and continues until roughly 2-3 PM.

Richard Arthur stated that he will be the chase truck using his personal truck. No one from the scouts has solicited our assistance for the Scout-O-Rama event as yet. So far Clarence has 0 volunteers for either event. The Scout-O-Rama event start/finish line is at the Liberty-Eylau school.

David Glenn provided information regarding the positions to be staffed as well as the route to be used.

David Glenn also provided information regarding the progress of the Technician class training and Ham Fest.

The technician class will be completed April 5th. A total of four potential new HAMs are attending the classes.

The scheduled May 7 Ham Fest has been moved back to the Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building. David Glenn will purchase the door prizes.

Arthur Christy provided an excellent presentation regarding a Solar system on the 146.62 repeater. Arthur informed the group that the .62 machine functioned for 16 days using the solar system with no problems. Arthur provided an in-depth description of the entire system as well as cost. Arthur stated that he would sell his personal system to the club or we may elect to purchase a new system. Arthur is willing to provide the club invoices for his system should the club wish to purchase it. The estimated cost for the complete system will be \$2,400. Club members were asked if they would like to purchase a like system. Motion was made by Richard Arthur and seconded by Michael Holihan to purchase a like system. Club members voted to approve. Motion carried.

David Glenn asked the members to complete the voting process which was requested during the February month's meeting. The amount requested is \$5000.00. Motion was made by Rudy Hatridge and seconded by George Knight.

Club members voted to approve. Motion carried.

Question was raised regarding insurance for our equipment. David stated that we need to conduct an inventory of everything and document the serial numbers, model numbers and locations of equipment.

Jason Spivey brought up the question of having priority use of the 62 machine during a valid search and rescue effort. This includes the remote possibility of having to pre-empt an ongoing traffic on the repeater. Jason was assured that he does in fact have such priority.

Larue Shilling motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robert Bailey seconded. Motion carried.