

Four State Amateur Radio Club meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2023

President Ki5BZO Eric began the meeting with prayer and pledge and then took introductions of all in attendance.

Secretary WW5AH Adam read the minutes from the January 7 meeting. Motion to accept by N5TXK , second by KG5BOC. Motion passed by show of hands.

Treasurer KF5VAE David reported a balance of 14,841.21 in the bank between both accounts. He also report that Amazon Smile would be going away. Motion to accept by KG5BOC, KI7DZP seconded. Motion passed by show of hands.

Club Announcements: WB5BYV shared that KF5VAE had reserved the Sportsman's Cove for the HAM tailgate Swap fest. There was also discussion of holding the event at the TV station the weekend before. President begin taking volunteers for the event planning committee it was decided that 5 people would be needed for the committee. After much delay, hesitance and other words to describe non-committal excitement, KM5A, N5TXK, KI5BZO, WW5AH and WB5BYV volunteered to serve on the committee. By default, KF5VAE as treasurer and KF5VWN as website manager were added. Discussion followed about setting up some antennas for testing radios or just getting on the air in portable fashion.

Old Business: KF5VAE showed a couple certificates from the Salvation Army recognizing the club's participation in the angel tree at Christmas and for bell ringing during the Christmas fund raiser. KI5BZO reported on Winter Field day at the KI5IOC's Pearson Eye Institute. There were several transceivers set up, and contacts were made over air, echolink, slow scan TV. Weather was terrible, but fun was had. Concerning the linked NB repeater, KF5VAE had checked with KE5ZHF about fixing the problems. They were going to try to go out the next day to make the effort to get everything right. KF5VWN reported the club's repeaters are doing well, as well as the broadcastify set up. He is tweaking that system before moving it to the repeater site.

New Business: President mentioned Scout-o-rama, but there was no interest in participating. President brought up the Arklatex Challenge, and AF5JR reported it looked like the event would happen on April 1, but could not confirm if the event will even happen this year, but he would follow up.

Last minute stuff:

KA5LEK reported the website for the Freedom Link system was now www.freedom-link-group.org. Also, Matt Fisk requested that someone give a demonstration to a group at Mt. Pleasant on alternative communications. After the meeting KI6ZAP volunteered to fill this need. N5LQV also suggested he look into finding the ARES coordinator for that area. KF5VWN mentioned that the website hosting was up for renewal at the cost of approximately \$350 per two years. He moved to pay the fee and KG5BOC seconded. By show of hands the motion passed.

BG5BOC asked the treasurer what the annual bills looked like. There was discussion about something called inflation. Discussion led to the idea of raffle type fundraisers at the Tailgate sale. The club's discussion was generally approving of raffles happening at the event.

N5TXK moved to ajourn, KB5ROD seconded, motion passed by voice.

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| 1. Evan Estre,
KI7DZP | 12. David KF5VAE | 22. Steve AF5JR |
| 2. Rudi Hatridge
AF5EY | 13. Eric KI5BZO | 23. Jonathan AF5JQ |
| 3. Kyle KD5UTP | 14. Hurbert
KG5BNW | 24. Greg KG5BOC |
| 4. Ann KC5CSO | 15. Clarence
WB5BYV | 25. Gary N5HOG |
| 5. Monroe KK5NF | 16. Richard W5TXK | 26. Karen KM5A |
| 6. Ronnie KA5LEK | 17. Arthur KF5VWN | 27. Richard N5GRA |
| 7. Mike WB5KWK | 18. Buddy N5LUC | 28. David KI6ZAP |
| 8. Rick NN7ET | 19. Roger KB5ROD | 29. Greg KI5HNZ |
| 9. Mike N5LQV | 20. Jonathan
KI5ZMK | 30. Matt Fisk |
| 10. Jackey N5XFD | 21. Robert N5TXK | 31. Terry KG5UYI |
| 11. Adam WW5AH | | 32. Louis KB5IOC |
| | | 33. Jerry Fisk |
| | | 34. Wayne(?) Fisk |