

## 4 States Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

August 05, 2023

Vice President called the meeting to order in place of the President who was absent due to work schedule. He began the meeting with prayer and the pledge to the United States flag. We then went around the room introducing ourselves.

Secretary then read the minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer gave the financial report, stating a combined balance of \$14,983.72. He had paid a Windstream bill and wrote two checks for Club liability insurance and to Arthur Christy for the remote PC software to control the computer that runs the D-star repeater. He also reported a small error in which the wrong account was used to make a purchase not related to club activity. Error was corrected along with a contribution for atonement. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Vice President continued into club announcements. Shreveport Hamfest was mentioned, as well as the Mena, Pettitgene, Huntsville and Minden Hamfests.

Vice President brought up the Solar Eclipse "scheduled" for April 8, 2024. He suggested formation of a committee, and Mike Falls was Volun-pointed to chair that committee. Other volunteers met with him after the meeting. Some discussion took place of the situations previous eclipses created.

VP next brought up the topic of Bowie County ARES coordinator. Discussion was held about the position and responsibilities. Overall consensus seemed to be that there wasn't a great need for it and that the Texas ARRL leadership didn't seem concerned when contacted about it.

Arthur Christy gave a report on the Club repeaters and equipment stating all is well.

Bryan Loper reported that Freedom Link is working well for the heat we've had.

VP brought up GMRS. Karen reported that she is working on a GMRS repeater for Texarkana.

VP then brought up the idea of Hams Helping Hams via a donation raffle directed toward new Hams. The idea is that Hams who had acquired equipment they wouldn't use might be willing to donate toward a newer ham.

VP next brought up Monday night Slow Scan TV net and gave a brief description of that. He asked for a show of hands of who might be interested in seeing a demo of SSTV.

Finally, VP asked for anyone that wanted to be added to the Signal group.

Treasurer requested authorization to switch the club to a new Internet Service Provider due to differences in price and speed. He stated the need for better uploads because we have a camera mounted on the tower that cannot be broadcast due to lack of upload speed. He also proposed buying a modem separately in order to get better cyber security than the ISP's modem provides. David said he could see a \$240 savings over the course of a year by changing. Motion passed to give David authority to make the changes he deemed necessary.

Motion to adjourn was made and passed.