

4SARC meeting, Nov 4, 2023.

President Eric KI5BZO called the meeting to order and started with prayer. The pledge of allegiance and a round of introductions of attendees followed.

Secretary Adam WW5AH presented the minutes from the October meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer David, KF5VAE presented the treasurers report of \$14,774.96 combined from both checking and paypal accounts. Report was approved unanimously.

President moved into old business and VP Greg KI5NHZ talked briefly about Hams Helping Hams.

President talked about the Christmas party and an issue concerning the size of the room at Silver Star. The decision was made to reserve a bigger room at the restaurant on Dec 12, 2023. There will also be a canned food drive at the Christmas party, along with a gift exchange game with a \$25 limit.

Trustee Arthur reported that all was well with the club equipment. There was discussion of static in the 62 repeater and Arthur said he would probably swap a radio around to fix the problem.

Bryan WX5CSS talked about the Freedom Link system. The 220 repeater is up and running well with range all the way to Sulphur Springs. Also, coax for the Sulphur Springs tower has been acquired but there is need of some to climb the 250 ft tower to install the new coax and antenna for the link radio.

President asked for an update on Skywarn activity. Bryan WX5CSS reported NWS has set Skywarn Recognition day on Dec 3 and they are making plans to hold an event for it.

A brief description of Signal was given to some who had not heard of it.

President brought up Winter Field day and it was generally agreed upon that Louis KB5IOC would probably be agreeable to holding the event at his office. More to come on WFD.

President brought up the idea of a 2024 tailgate sale. There was discussion of dates and locations, but more research would certainly have to take place before decisions could happen. Discussion led to a motion for formation of a committee including Karen KM5A, Clarence WB5BYV, David Glenn KF5VAE, and David

Putman KF5UV. David Glenn added there is an ARRL book on planning and holding hamfests and such events.

President asked about interest in a general knowledge ham class. General consensus seemed to be low, but all seemed to agree it is much needed. Clarence stated it would have to be on Tuesday nights after the new year. The idea is more of a 2 hour round table discussion for inexperienced hams to learn theory and operation over 5 or 6 weeks.

Subject then moved to nominations for 2024 Officer and Director election. Karen gave the qualifications and responsibilities for each office. While several people had volunteered to serve, only one candidate for each officer position was nominated and accepted. Those nominations were as follows: for President, WW5AH Adam Huggins; for Vice President, KI5NHZ Greg Waits; for Secretary, W5TXK Richard Hopkins; for Treasurer, KG5BOC Greg English. For the Director 3 position, KF5VAE David Glenn, WB5BYV Clarence Shilling accepted nomination.

Karen KM5A gave an update on the GMRS repeater. When the old tenant vacates the location, she will be able to put the repeater up. The antenna will be approximately 500' high and the repeater will not be linked, as the legality of linking GMRS repeaters is questionable.

David KF5VAE offered signup sheets for Salvation Army bell ringing at Sam's Club on December 9, 2023 from 10am to 8pm, and Angel Tree gift program help on December 14, 2023 from 8:45am to roughly 2:30pm.

Motion to adjourn was made and passed.