

4SARC meeting, Dec 2, 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 November meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer David, KF5VAE presented the treasurers report of \$15,059.97 combined from both checking and paypal accounts. Report was approved unanimously.

David Glenn, KF5VAE, moved to remove himself as a candidate for Director 3 and to accept by acclamation the remaining nominations since there were no longer any contested officer races. The motion was seconded by Eric Richards. The motion was passed by unanimous show of hands.

Karen, KM5A, then presented the election committee's report of the newly elected officers: President, Adam Huggins WW5AH; Vice President, Greg Waits KI5NHZ; Secretary, Richard Hopkins, W5TXK; Treasurer, Greg English KG5BOC; and Director 3, Clarence Shilling, WB5BYV.

Mike Falls spoke about attending a meeting with the Arkansas Dept of Emergency Management in Hope a few days prior. The focus for Amateur Radio operators was to use Winlink if called upon if needed in the event. Work is being done to set up a HAM station and tower for antennas at the Miller County Office of Emergency Management. The only people allowed to serve will be those properly credentialed by that time. Mike discussed putting together a session to teach and demonstrate Winlink sometime toward the time of the eclipse.

Adam Huggins talked about the meeting at Texarkana College in which very little info was given out for coordinating comms between counties and agencies in the four states area.

President moved to the topic of Hams helping Hams. An MFJ clock was donated by KB5MIQ for this drawing.

President announced the Christmas party on Dec 12 at the Silver Star.

David Glenn passed sign up sheets around for the Salvation Army bell ringing fundraiser and the Toys for Tots distribution event.

President recognized Dan Bradshaw and his POTA activation at Lake Bob Sandlin, where he made over 800 contacts in 5 days.

Topic turned to the repeater report. Arthur Christy was not present to report. Trouble with the 62 repeater was briefly mentioned. Ronnie Rumsey gave a report on the Freedom Link system stated everything seemed to be running well. Jim Collom talked about why the 145.19 repeater on Cusetta Mountain should not be used as much as it is.

Karen reported that she is getting closer to setting up the GMRS repeater at a site in Texarkana. She stated it's just a matter of her getting a free day to set up the equipment on site.

Mike Falls confirmed that Louis Pearson is thrilled to host Winter Field Day on Jan 28.

President moved on to the 2024 Tailgate sale. VP said a committee was formed the previous month: Karen, Clarence, David Glenn, David Putnam. No progress had been made.

Several hamfests and other Christmas parties were announced. An ISS slow scan TV event was announced.

Motion and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed by a loud commotion.