

February 3, 2024

Four States Amateur Radio Club

The meeting was called to order by Adam Huggins President. Adam led us in a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. KG5JSF, who is running for state representative in Texas, was present and talked with members after the meeting.

The club voted on suspending the reading of minutes each month. A motion was made by Greg English on this matter and seconded by David Putman. Motion passed minutes will now be emailed to all members and copies will be provided at each meeting for those that do not have access to email.

The treasurer, Greg English informed the members that we had \$16,292.35 in our account. It was mentioned that all dues were due by January 31. Please renew your dues so that you will not be dropped from the roster. Don't forget you can pay your dues by PayPal.

David Glenn informed the club that the repeater would be down in the afternoon to install the additional duplexers on the 146.620 repeater. Thanks again for donating the equipment. Also, we want to thank all the individual people that assisted in setting up and checking out the repeater and installing the new equipment.

Club Announcements

Adam Huggins opened discussion on the tailgate event. David Putman mentioned the site at New Boston and Adam Huggins stated that the site would cost \$250.00. Dates were mentioned as to when to hold this event. Greg Waits suggested April 27. After discussion members of the committee held a meeting to formulate a plan of action to be presented at the March meeting. A motion was made by Greg English to table further discussion and action on the event until next month, it was seconded by Greg Waits. The motion passed.

Greg Waits talked about winter field day and that it was a success. It was estimated that 35 to 40 people showed up for the event, and it was also, educational too many new hams.

Karen Austin mentioned she attended the field event out of town and that the club had filters on the stations so that interference was not an issue for multiple stations operating at the same location. These filters cost \$80.00 each and the club might look to purchasing some for future events.

Summer field day is the 27th of June. Greg Waits is going to explore where we can setup for this big event. Also, Shreveport Ham fest will be August 10th for those interested.

Arkansas Department of Health hosted a technician class "Zoom Meeting." The meeting is scheduled for February 5th through February 8th. Flyers were handed out explaining how to be a part of the event. In March, ADH will hold a similar meeting for general classes.

There was a brief discussion about the upcoming eclipse to take place on April 8th.

A motion was made by Robert Ward to adjourn and seconded by Greg English, it passed.

Richard Hopkins – W5TXK