

March 2, 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. Correction to February minutes, Karen Houston was mentioned as Karen Austin. My apologies for the mistake.

The club voted on suspending the reading of minutes. There was a vote on the suspension and it passed. A motion was made by David Putman to accept the minutes and seconded by Greg English. Motion passed by the members.

The treasurer, Greg English informed the members that we had \$15,986.07 in our account. There was one expenditure to Sparklight for approximately \$85.00. A motion was made by David Putman to accept the treasurer report and it was seconded by Evan. Motion passed by membership. In addition, 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. It was also mentioned that you will be dropped from the signal app if your dues were not paid.

Karen Houston handed out cards to the membership regarding ARRL items that you used. She was taking a survey of our club. Karen is the club's ARRL representative for our group. She informed us that a new group was looking into forming a new organization to represent the hams in Texas. She stated Oklahoma did this two years ago. She stated that it could spill over to other states as well. Karen said they were laying the groundwork for this in North-East Texas. Adam Huggins asked if this would be a part of the ARRL? Karen said this organization would not be part of the ARRL. It was noted that a lot of people were not happy with the ARRL and this effort might be an alternative for hams. Karen stated that the ARRL was losing ground with hams because of poor management in the past.

Adam Huggins mentioned the Winlink training that will take place at Pearson Eye Clinic following our meeting. This was being presented by Mike Falls and Louis Pearson. Everyone was invited to attend. Mike and Louis have put a considerable amount of time developing this training. We look forward to seeing you there.

David Glen gave a report and recommendation for the site for the tailgate event. Adam Huggins suggested we explore the pavilion located in New Boston. The cost was \$250.00 for the day. In addition a \$250.00 deposit was required but should be refunded depending on us cleaning up after the event, etc. A motion was made by Greg Waits to hold the tailgate event on May 11, 2024, at the pavilion in New Boston. It was seconded by J. W. Franklin. The motion passed. Flyers were discussed and Greg Waits said it would be addressed.

The eclipse was discussed and because of this event, we will move out April meeting to April 13 instead of April 6, 2024. A motion was made by David Putman to hold the meeting on April 13, 2024. It was seconded by Evan. Motion passed.

A motion was made by David Putman to adjourn and seconded by Greg English. Motion passed.

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