

August 3, 2024 4 States Amateur Radio Club Meeting

President Adam Huggins began the meeting by asking N5JTX, Robert, to open with prayer. President then led the group in the Pledge to the United States Flag. A round of introductions followed. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report: KE5CQB, J.W., moved to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept as posted to the club website. Af5JR, Steve, Seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer brought up the topic of club insurance which will be cancelled on Sep 18, 2024 due to the carrier ending their provision of insurance services in general. His opinion was that the club should let it lapse and not worry about carrying insurance because it was not required for the events the club was hosting. After discussion, Gary moved to table the issue, have someone research options and costs of insurance, and determine the best direction to move forward in the September meeting. Motion was seconded by KI5BZO, Eric, and the motion carried unanimously.

Due to the public setting of the meeting, the President did not want the club finances read out loud. After some discussion, AF5JR, Steve, moved to post the balances and expenditures to the Signal group and also to the website via today's meeting minutes. AF5EY, Rudy, seconded the motion which passed with the majority voting for and only one vote against. The beginning balance for July was \$17,107.45. There was an expenditure for the Sparklight internet service thru the end of the year for \$540, and another to reimburse K5TXK, Reggie, for \$125.06 for the food provided at Field Day. The July end balance was \$16,442.39. These numbers were posted to the Signal group immediately after the meeting, where only members could see them.

Announcements: KB5LE, John, talked about Shreveport Hamfest coming up on August 10. President mentioned Mena Hamfest which would happen on the same weekend of the next scheduled club meeting.

For new business, KM5A Karen moved to reschedule the September club meeting to Sep 14, 2024. There were many seconds, and the motion passed with all voting for except for one vote against.

President brought up a potential 2025 tailgate sale. March and May of 2025 both have a 5th Saturday. He asked for everyone to be considering the role they could play in the preparation. During discussion, the statement was made that a location for 2025 Field Day had already been made for the pavilion at Spring Lake Park nearest the restrooms.

AF5JR gave a repeater report stating that everything was running well except for D-star and Trustee Arthur was working on that situation.

WX5CSS Bryan reported on everything in Freedom Link running smoothly and there were new temporary links being arranged for Skywarn coverage.

Bryan also said there wasn't much going on with Skywarn, but that he was going to be talking to the pertinent folks soon about an upcoming class in the fall.

KG5BOC Greg moved to adjourn with a second by Ronnie KA5LEK, and it passed unanimously.