

Lake Area Amateur Radio Klub - Minutes

February 12, 2019

Pledge

Guests

None

Secretary's Report - No December Minutes

Motion - Perry - KF5ZCS

2nd - Roger - WD5FFY

All accepted

Treasurer's Report - Bill - W5FQP - \$ 3377.66

Motion - Michael - KF5LDJ

2nd - Roger - Bob N0IIL

All accepted

Old Business -

1. Winter Field day was excellent, over 4500 points just for showing up with all the categories, we were running category 40.
2. TSPOTA - With Perry's tower and multiband antennas and the new splitter/filter box that Ken Rainey made we should be looking good. Our spots are reserved but they preassigned spots so Laird is working on getting the correct spots reserved. Three spots.
3. CW class - Ken Rainey AC5EZ - Started a new class in January, 7 signed up and 3 remain. Skip and Eric have excelled far beyond what they were expecting, Skip is already up to 15 wpm and Eric is up to 20 wpm.
4. Digipeater - Spoke about adding a digipeater to our tower in The Colony. Gerald WB5NZV has a full service digipeater that needs reprogrammed and a TNC to John AF5VO for his setup. We need to repair the extra run of coax and get this installed.
5. Goboxes have been assembled by a group, in the LAARK club Paul K5VOP is in control of one and they are looking for homes for two more in southern areas of the county. Michael KF5LDJ - part of the reason we are doing this is so that if there is an emergency we will have equipment all over the county with all capabilities. The box that Paul K5VOP has worked well at the Winter Field Day although the antenna was not used. Bob N0IIL mentioned perhaps adding a sling shot to make dipole installation easier.
6. Summer Field Day - Bob N0IIL will reserve Stewart Creek pavilion again.

7. The idea was kicked up to buy a tripod for our AREDN node so that we could have it installed anywhere. Bob AF5RS said he would donate one, a nice speaker stand. Laird is working on a truck hitch that could accept a flagpole and get the dish higher.
8. We are trying to inventory all our equipment. We have the repeaters insured, we need to get the rest. We need serial numbers off all equipment at tower, shed, or anybody's house.

New Business -

1. Bob mentioned that the MARS club is asking to buy our ARCOM controller. Motion to donate the ARCOM devices to MARS.
 - a. Michael - KF5LDJ
 - b. Bob - N0IIL
 - c. All Accepted
2. If you have an AREDN node, get it out of the box, we need to flash the new firmware and get them installed. We need to get this going and completed. Please determine length of CAT5 needed so Paul K5VOP will be able to get cable from Ken Rainey and help install them.

Community Updates -

1. Tim has returned to the full care home and will not be returning. Club discussed how to perhaps help him stay connected with a radio and antenna.
2. Lee Norrup is ill.

Technical report

1. Bob - N0IIL - Everything is up and running. No problem reports received. Tower climb is needed: replace Pi cam with Ubiquiti cam, adjust sectors, add digipeater, and perhaps repair the severed hardline.
2. Laird - KC5LL - 220 is getting more activity, 2m is getting a lot more activity and the Fusion is in constant use.

ARES - KF5LDJ - Michael - Get on MRC calendar mrc.dentoncounty.com to get your credentials for sitting through the 2 hour orientation. ARES members must be MRC certified if there is a need to work with MRC. Working on a master class to get everyone certified at once. Medal of Honor is April 10th. You must be an ARES credentialed member to participate. November 2nd there will be a huge CERT drill. Denton county is March 2nd for SKYWarn. Collin County is being rescheduled. If you are an ARES Please log onto HCOL and add an emergency contact with phone number.

Sci-Tech - KF5LDJ - Michael - Last Saturday was awesome, they were very busy. Ken Rainey, Ken Mitchell and Michael Porter were there. 3-4 parents sat down in the beginning and spoke on the air to Laird. This is the most Ken has seen since his participation. Michael and

3-4 more interested towards the end. It can be a bit noisy at times but if you haven't had an opportunity to come out, please do. Still working on the mic issue for the HF unit.

Breakfast Locations -

We have had light turnouts lately, come out for good food and conversation.

Grandys - This Saturday

Water's Edge

Norma's Cafe

Rosas

Barney's Brunch House

List of Nets -

LAARK Weekly - 147.380m - Every Tuesday 8pm

LDS Weekly Net - 147.380m - Every Sunday 9pm - Bob Zornes - N5RLZ

CERT Net - 147.380mhz - First Thursday 8pm - Paul Estes - K5VOP

Contest & Public Service Net- Start on the 147.380 then move to 224.000 mhz - Last Sunday 8pm. Tim Curtiss - KC5DCT

Simplex Net - Start on 147.380 -. Taking a break, next net will be in May - Bill Earhart - W5FQP

Other Club information

1. LARA - License test session this Saturday Feb. 16th, 10am - whenever at the training center at the Lewisville Central fire station.
2. DCARA - Tech class starting February 23rd and 24th at Denton EOC. schedule on calendar.
3. MARS - Testing at the North Josey Library this Thursday, Feb. 14th.

Social Media Sites

K5lrk.org

Twitter @k5lrk

instagram/k5lrk

facebook/k5lrk

Tsota.org

Other Announcements

1. City of Lewisville had their first CERT class this week and next.

Presentation -

1. David Seals N5FU - Lightning

Fills & Other Announcements

1. None

Motion to adjourn -

Motion - Andrew KE5GDB

2nd - Roger WD5FFY

Adjourned