



Montague County Amateur Radio Club- WX5ARC

Meeting Minutes- 10-Jan 2023

Officers Present:

Markus Thomerson, K5UFO (P)

Joe Ehlen, K15JUO (VP)

Alan Walraven, N5MSE (T)

David McCoy, K15URF (S)

I. Call to Order-Welcome & Briefing

President Markus Thomerson Presiding. The January 2023 meeting was held at the Montague County Courthouse, Annex Community Room in Montague, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Attendees:

Johnny Arrn AA5JA, Brent Boydston K5THB, Jerry Cody AC5GO, Gary Cox K15UXF, Mike Davis K15CHB, Dan Hull W2DRH, Bill Miller K5EAG, Bill Rupert, K15JWV, Kathleen Rupert, Sheryle Walraven, K5TTP, Gary Weseman, N5DGP

III. Opening Remarks

Marcus reminded members to please submit their annual dues if they have not yet done so.

IV. Old Business

Motion to accept last meeting minutes, seconded and passed

Motion to accept last Financial Report, seconded and passed

V. New Business

Alan Walraven, N5MSE reminded the group that:

Winter Field Day is this month

Parks on the Air is in April (Hapgood Park?)

Summer Field Day is the third weekend in June.

It is important to identify a location early so that reservations and plans can be made. A motion was made and seconded to ask Alan N5MSE to research and identify locations, so that early decisions/reservations can be made.

Markus commented that Summer Field Day is a joint event with MCARC and Clay County Am Radio Club and suggested that we invite WARS as well. Alan Walraven recommended considering Hapgood Park for summer Field Day.

VI. Technical Session

Bill Rupert made a technical presentation to Attendees on the use of the FT8 mode. Bill answered questions and a technical discussion followed.

VII. Announcements

Alan N5MSE advised the group that Carl Kirksey N5CRK is ill, and noted that we need to keep our colleagues in mind and reach out to them. David McCoy (S) KI5URF to reach out to him on behalf of the MCARC.

Bill KI5JWV noted that Cowtown Ham fest is Jan 20-21 in Fort Worth.

Markus K5UFO asked the membership to provide topics that they would like to be the subject of future Technical Presentations. Perhaps Alan & Dan on Winlink, Alan Traffic Handling.

Alan N5MSE noted that there are not many weather training classes to be offered this year.

Dan W2DRH requested a Technical session on Grounding & Lightening Protection

Marcus K5UFO suggested that MCARC invite Clay County and WARS to upcoming Technical Sessions.

Marcus K5UFO asked the membership to contact the Joe Ehlen KI5JUO, VP with requests and recommendations for future Technical Sessions.

Joe Ehlen KI5JUO requested members to provide pictures of HAM activities for the FB page for example pictures of the tower removal that was recently accomplished in Vernon, TX.

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:30 PM a motion to adjourn was presented and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

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Submitted 11-Jan 2023,