

Lewisville Amateur Radio Association, Club Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2023

Meeting called to order by the club President, Jim Lavin (K5VZ), at 18:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Club Guests

- Nancy Graff (AG5MQ)

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Gregg Veazey, KG5VZ

- Clark sent out the April meeting minutes. There have been no corrections submitted.
- Secretary will be contacting Ron to get information on the club's gmail, website, facebook, HamClubOnline
- Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Roger Carver (AE5EZ) and seconded by Frank (KZ5ZNJ)
- Jim Lavin (K5VZ) recommended changing the officer's meeting to Thursday's at 5:00. This change was agreed upon by all the current officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Kline,

- Steve Kline presented the current balance sheet for the club. All members in attendance were able to view the contents of the report which was projected on a screen.
- The question came up of whether the club needed to re-evaluate club asset's values, however, the discussion was tabled and may be re-presented at a later meeting.
- Steve Kline will continue to review forms for taxes, etc. which are related to the club.
- The Intuit booking keeping software subscription was canceled by the club secretary (Steve Kline) as he will be using a spreadsheet to track the club's finances.
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Perry and seconded by Roger Carver ()
- The motion was unanimously approved by club vote.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR – Roger Carver, AE5EZ

- Update on repair of the Lewisville City traffic radio system. The system will be on a new frequency, 1650.
- The city hired a consultant to handle most of the paperwork processes and is currently waiting on their license request to be processed/approved.
- The current system's equipment has been tested; however, the frequency can only be moved approximately 30 KHz which is not enough to allow use of the new frequency so additional work will need to be done here.
- Rewinding and repair of the antenna will be completed soon, hopefully before the next club meeting.

VE COORDINATOR REPORT

- New software tools are being reviewed.
- The club needs to locate a facility in which we can have the classes. The Lewisville center cannot be used because we have no vendor status and usage fees would be too high.

FUTURE HAM RADIO EVENTS

- May POTA activation at Bonham State Park May 27
 - ARRL - Digital contest June 3rd and 4th
 - ARRL - VHF contest June 10th
 - Kids Day June 17th - Do we want to advertise that we will be doing something?
 - Field Day June 24-25
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- Jim Lavin (K5VZ) will be cooking dinner for the upcoming Field Day. He may even cook breakfast too. Jim will bring Oatmeal, but you will need to bring your own Oatmeal toppings.
 - Field Day will be held at the same location as winter field day. Four sites have been reserved.

OLD BUSINESS

- New tablecloth signage is in and was used during this meeting.
- Ham Expo June 3. Need volunteers to be there at 5:30 to direct traffic. We have potentially secured traffic cones. wear something bright or reflective if you volunteer to direct traffic. Bring plenty of liquids. Upper-level Sears is the location. Enter the doors. Look for Grand Stage. There is also a tailgate and a PIO table that will need to be staffed beginning at 09:00 that day. You will need to sign up for tailgate spots and they are \$10 each. There will probably be hourly door prizes and a grand door prize.
- The next build day will be a series of events entitled, "The SI5351 Rabbit Hole Series" and will be led by Jim Lavin. Jim will be sending out a bill of materials for the first round of the builds. The series may begin the week of the 14th of June and will be done in weekly sessions, during the week via Zoom session, tentatively on Wednesday's at 8:00pm immediately following the club's NET. More to come on finalizing the date(s).

NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss removing term limits for officers. Roger Carver made a motion which was seconded by Scott B, that we take a vote on this using the voting tools available in HamClubOnline.com. The motion was unanimously approved by club vote. Jim Lavin will send out the voting survey and report results at the next club meeting.
- Is there any interest in caps, shirts, etc that display the club's logos, etc.? Jim Lavin to do some more research on what's available and costs associated with each and will let the club know if he finds anything that may be of interest to the club members.
- There will be a build day on a Saturday to work on Jim Lavin's "radio trailer". This event will be open to all members. A tentative date has been set for June 17th.
- Do we want to advertise that we will be doing something for Kids Day which is also on June 17th or will this conflict with the radio trailer build day event?
- There are various shirts, caps, etc. with LARA signage on them which are still available to club members. Steve Kline will pull together a list of these items and their sizes and make them available to the club.

CLUB PRESENTATION

Roger Carver hosted the club's presentation at meeting, entitled, "All Things Antenna". There may be another round of "All Things Antenna" at the June club meeting if no one volunteers to present.

Attendees:

Jim Lavin	K5VZ
Gregg Veazey	KG5VZ
Steve Kline	W5JK
Roger Carver	AE5EZ
Perry Abernethy	NE5ET
Steven Wheeler	KI5QAD
Ron Ford	KF5OMH
Gerald Marchant	WB5NZV
Frank James	KG5ZNJ
Scott Boutwell	KG5RJR
Colin Backup	N5GG
Ernie DiDominick	KI5ZUC
Rick Zink	N5DTF
John Courtney	KI5BBE
James	K5JBV
Bob LaCroix	KI5YQZ
Guest Nancy Graff	AG5MQ