

November 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Heidi Boutwell

Officers Present

Len Shipp, KC5MPX
Jim Lavin, K5VZ
Ron Ford, KF5OMH
Jim Horton, WB8YWA
Mike Reitz, W5EVT

Voting Members Present

Clark Highsmith, K5LGZ
Rich Alverson, W5RPA
Ron Bath, KG5VIS
Scott Boutwell, KG5RJR
Mike Beck, WX5MAB
Marty Wells, KM5OI
Steve Kline, W5JK
Ron Swain, KG5VIV
Dale Finley, KB5NFT
Brian Ulmer, KC5MPY

Non-voting Members Present

Tom Quinn, KG5VIU

Guests Present

Heidi Boutwell
Ken Mitchell, KD2KW
Coby Kline

President Len Shipp, KC5MPX, called the meeting to order at 0804

Pledge to the American flag was recited

Ken Mitchell, KD2KW, from LARK presented a soldering kit project that they are helping to sponsor.

- It is a good intro to soldering project.
- Kit cost \$15-\$20
- Offering LARA the opportunity to participate
- Discussion held and moved to New Business
- LARK will conduct some soldering classes next year

October meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter

- Motion to accept by Ron, KF5OMH
- Second by Scott, KG5RJR
- Approved by the membership

Treasurers Report presented by Ron, KF5OMH – Beginning balance checking account \$2529.92; \$0 income; \$99.00 expenses; ending balance \$2430.92. Savings account remains at \$31.66. Club Assets \$3080.57. Net Value \$5543.15.

LARA is now a member of Amazon Smile. To register LARA as your charity of choice go to smile.amazon.com. Also working on obtaining recognition with other organizations.

- Motion to accept by Jim, WB8YWA
- Second by Jim, K5VZ

- Approved by the membership

Technical Report presented by Jim, WB8YWA – 145.170 operating fine. 220 repeater currently non-functioning and located at Jim, K5VZ QTH. (See further discussion under new business)

Operations Report presented by Mike, W5EVT – LFD Open House was held Oct. 14. Had good participation and numerous contacts made by the Special Event station.

Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air was held Oct. 21. 23 youth and 26 visitors attended. Received national press coverage through K2BSA.

Christmas Party will be held Dec. 9, 7:00 PM at the Korner Café in Lewisville. Bring a White Elephant give valued at \$20.00 or less.

Winter Field Day is scheduled for Jan. 27-28.

Reminder that when your ARRL membership comes due for renewal to do it through the club since we receive a \$2.00 allocation for renewals and \$15.00 for new members. See Ron, KF5OMH to obtain forms.

- Motion to accept report by unknown
- Second by unknown
- Approved by the membership

Old Business

- Parity act – died in committee
- Communications with North Pole – city moved activity to 11/18 and did not have any advance notice therefore, we will not participate this year
- Window stickers approved at the October meeting have been purchased for \$40.00 for a count of 200. Ron, KF5OMH will handle the stickers along with the shirts.
 - Motion by Ron KF5OMH to charge \$1.00 each
 - Second by Jim, K5VZ
 - Approved by the membership
- Business cards as approved at the October meeting have been purchased for \$20.00 for a count of 500. See Ron, KF5OMH, for your supply. There will be no charge for the cards.

New Business

- Date for next Swap Meet – Set for Jan. 13 at 10:00. Same location as in the past
- Maker Fair in Denton Feb. 24. DCARA has asked LARK and LARA to share a table at the event and split the cost of \$100. Scott, KG5RJR and Ron, KG5VIS volunteered to man the table for LARA.
 - Motion by Jim, WB8YWA to allocate \$250.00 for expenses
 - Second by Mike, W5EVT
 - Approved by the membership
- Winter Field Day, Jan 27-28. 10+ people want to participate
 - Motion by Mike, W5EVT to allocate \$200.00 for expenses
 - Second by Jim, WB8YWA
 - Approved by the membership
- 220 repeater which is currently out of service
 - Discussion
 - Equipment owned by individuals, not the club
 - Does the club really want a repeater?
 - 220 pair is the only thing available
 - Registered to the club
 - Possible site on 407
 - Cost of \$2000-3000 to purchase new equipment
 - Only six people at the meeting have 220 capable equipment
 - Issues: location and maintenance
 - Recommendation: establish a repeater committee to explore and make recommendations

- Len, KC5MPX, purchased equipment for repeater but is not willing to donate or sell it to the club.
- 440/2m frequencies are oversaturated.
- Motion by Jim, WB8YWA, to send email to all members to determine interest in club ownership of a repeater. Based on the response either form a committee to make recommendations or the issue will die.
- Second by Scott, KG5RJR
- Approved by the membership
- Ron, KF5OMH suggested we donate \$150 to DCARA in support of the 145.170. Discussion as to who owns the repeater – Denton County or DCARA or someone else. Jim, WB8YWA to contact his counterpart at DCARA to determine who owns the repeater. Tabled until next meeting.
- Jim, K5VZ asked what kind of classes we should be planning for next year. He suggested four Technician Classes and asked for input from the membership as to how many General and Extra classes are desired.
- Junk Box – 1 returned and Ron, KG5VIS will take it. 1 box still out

Motion to adjourn by Ron, KG5VIS

Second by Jim, WB8YWA

Approved by the membership

Meeting adjourned at 9:15