



W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



December 07, 2016

Draft Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President/KG5GDV called the meeting to order at 1930. Vice-President/KG5JYY, and Secretary/KG5LYQ were also present. There were 10 voting members, 0 non-voting members, and 2 visitors present. The quorum requirement was certified by KG5LYQ.

President's Report: KG5GDV reported on the following,

- **Winch:** W5QZ delivered the new winch to the shack. N5TLT installed the winch with help from W5MHM.
- **Force 12 Antenna:** KG5GDV asked if members were free to work on and tune the antenna next Saturday December 10. A few members were available, but none with experience tuning the Force 12. W5QZ mentioned RFI from the Telecom building next door will affect the antenna analyzer which adds difficulty and time to the tuning process. It was decided that the club should wait until W5QZ is available to help. Also, the position to direct the work on the antenna was extended to W5QZ. W5QZ replied that he will take the offer into consideration and look into his schedule.

Vice-President's Report: KG5JYY reported on the following,

- **W5AC Game Night:** The social will be held on Wednesday, December 07. The plan is to meet at Fuddruckers at 1800 and then the Shack at 1930. KG5JYY will bring the games listed on the Google Form, but members are also welcome to bring their own games. Members are also welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages.

Treasurer's Report: KG5JYZ not present, therefore report not available.

Secretary Report: KG5LYQ reviewed the minutes from the November 2016 Monthly Business Meeting. Motion from KA5VLC, seconded by KG5GDV to accept the minutes as read – the motion passed on a voice vote.

QSL Manager's Report: W5MHN provided the following update:



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- **ARRL DXCC:** 310 mixed entities worked, 303 confirmed and 44 new slots filled in the band/mode matrix (310/303 last month). The most recent entity was São Tomé and Príncipe

NPOTA Standing Committee: W5MHN reported 174 NPS entities confirmed on the Leader Board and 37 National Parks toward the Honor Roll (171/37 last month). So far 56 National Parks have been activated with 75% of that number being 42. The Honor Roll requires contacts with at least 75% of the activated parks.

Club Business:

Old Business:

- **W5AC Reunion:** The date is set for Saturday, April 08, during the Texas A&M Family Weekend. The shack will be open the whole day, with the main event being sometime midday with food and social. A save the date will be sent to the listserv soon.
- **2017 Spring Open House:** The Executive Committee made the final decision to host the table inside rather than outside, with requests to be near the other engineering organizations. Plans were discussed on what to bring, such as Baofeng radios and QSL cards. More plans will be discussed next semester at the January monthly meeting. The Open House will take place Sunday, January 22, from 1300 to 1700.
- **ARRL November Sweepstakes:** W5AC did not participate.
- **W5AC Constitution:** NTR

New Business: NTR

Good of the Order:

- **License Exam:** The next amateur radio license exam offered by W5BCS will be on February 18, 2017 at 0800. The location is the conference room of the Southern Plains USDA Building.
- **Recruitment:** It was asked if there were any ideas about bringing in new members. WX5RKB mentioned that we should have more activities planned before recruiting. More will be discussed at the next meeting in January.



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Next Meeting: The January Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 1930. Note that this is the first week of undergraduate classes.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2020.

Program: No program this month.

Respectively submitted,

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