

PANHANDLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2023

Call to Order: Mark Koster KG5NWE, President, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendee introductions.

Meeting Minutes: Melinda Koster, KG5NWD, Secretary, submitted minutes for approval. Motion to approve: Eddie Wood N5SUJ Seconded: David Ricketts KI5VGW Approved by membership in attendance.

Financial Report: Adair Winter, KD5DYP, Treasurer, submitted financial report for approval. Expenses \$1,500 (Legal), Income \$149.16 (Memberships) End of Month Checking Balance \$5,622.06, End of Month CD Balance \$6,167.04, End of Month Cash \$230.00, End of Month Total \$12,019.32
Motion to approve: Mike Eales W5MHE Seconded: Eddie N5SUJ Approved by membership in attendance.

Van Committee Report: David Ricketts, KG5VGC. Blend door kit ordered to restore cabin heat and air control. Still working on finding someone to install kit. No other changes.

Repeater Report: Dan McCabe WA8YYE (absent but sent report). No changes, all repeaters working fine.

Contest Report: Aric Brown KI5BMX (absent, illness) Report given by Raymond Winter W5RAW. VOTA was explained: commemorates the 100th year anniversary of the ARRL. Volunteers On The Air is a year-round contest/event. Other events include ARRL School Roundup, Worldwide RTTY Worked all Prefix, various SKCC Events, Vermont QSO, Minnesota QSO Party, BC QSO Party, 10/10 Int'l SSB Contest, Mexico RTTY, Int'l DX Contest. Remember to use DX spotting sites. Logbook of the World highly recommended!

EmComm Report: Marci Lassiter KI5IRA reported on Tulia WFD, Texas RACES state-wide exercise, also looking for volunteers for a Ham Cram class and testing the second or third weekend in March. The EmComm group will meet on Monday as scheduled although Marci will be out of town. Tim Pillsbury WB5BUL will run the meeting. See Marci after the meeting for any questions or more information on the exercises or Ham Cram class.

Old Business:

1. Non-Profit status update: conversation with attorney was very informative, good that we are working with an attorney, will get more required information to her as requested, progress is being made.
2. Lamar Science Day: remember to register with AISD, it's a full day of learning and fun for the students. Any short presentation including radio or electronics is appreciated. Any questions see Melinda or Mark.

New Business:

1. SwapFest will be May 6, 2023. Approval of budget for event was discussed: approval of \$800.00 for prizes and other expenses was requested. Motion to approve: Raymond Winter W5RAW
Seconded by: Rod Banister KI5KGC Approved by membership in attendance. Location TBA.

Show and Tell: Ronnie Kerr N5ZLU shared information on a microcomputer (single board) which will run Linux: \$35, Wi-Fi, HDMI, 2 USB ports. Unfortunately it will not run any digital radio since it is missing the headers needed to attach a radio board, but it still is a good resource for learning Linux. Raymond W5RAW added more information on how anyone can get involved with the VOTA event and operate a 2-hour "stint" by going to the VOTA page at ARRL.org and signing up.

Program: Adair Winter, KD5DYP gave a recap of the W5WX Winter Field Day event. Pics on Slack and W5WX.org.

Meeting Adjourned, Testing Followed

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Koster, KG5NWD, Secretary

Hams in Attendance

KG5NWE
KI5KGC
KG5VGW
N5SUJ
W5RAW
KD5DYP
KG5NWD
W5MHE
KG5RHI
N9QU
WB5BUL
KI5IJM
KD5UBT
KA5IRA
N5BNU
KI5HAN
KG5SNW
KI5TUB
W5GBL
N5ZLU
WA5WFE
KC5GDF
KI5QAR
KA5CWG
K5IT
KJ6RKS
KI5WIH
KI5NOG
WV5G
KI5IUB