

Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 1 June 2017

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Dale **K4DG**

New member and guest recognition

- **KG5TKM** Fred Anderas, **KG5TKL** Craig Boyer, and Glenn Rowan

Birthdays and anniversaries this month

- **KF5AIE** Robert Russell, **AF5UX** Jim Jinright, and **WB2GEU** Mort McKenzie.

Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/emerling recognitions

- Steve Schwing **KG5SUN** for helping Gale Heise **KM4DR** with antenna climb, Fred Gilmore **WØLPD** for helping Lawrence Gullie **KG5TNL** with exam location.

Other announcements

- Licensing class – **Dale K4DG** - 14 students completed course.
- Report on John Brown, W5LKB – **Dennis W5FBG**
- Museum Ships on the Air – **Dr. Jim K5EWS** – special event station N5P will be on the air this weekend from the National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, from 9am – 5pm.
- 10 GHz beacon – **Jim KØMHC** – beacon will remain on Harvey K5HV's tower until fall when it will be moved to the club's repeater tower to begin the 6 month experiment.
- Red Cross/ARES Disaster Exercise (May 25th) active participants: Terry Hipkind **WØHIP**, Charley Robinson **AF5AO**, Larry Altman **N5QGD**, Frank Edwards **KK5IA**, Harvey Vordenbaum **K5HV**, Dale Gaudier **K4DG**.

Updates on Committee Reports

- **Station Review Committee** – Dale **K4DG** – the final report of the Station Review Committee was issued a few days ago. The draft report was included in the most recent issue of the Static and final version emailed to our members. The committee's recommendations are noted under New Business.

Reading/approval of prior month's minutes

- The reading of the minutes for May was waived and the minutes, as posted, were approved.

Reading/approval of prior month's Treasurers report

- The reading of the Treasurer's report for May was waived and the report, as posted, was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Robert **KF5AIE** requests specific locations for highway repeater signs to be submitted to Kerr County Road & Bridge office.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Station Review Committee report.** Dale – **K4DG**. I commend all members to read the report. I would like to briefly summarize what the committee has done and its recommendations.

Tasks completed:

- Updated inventory of club station equipment, with proposed disposition of surplus equipment
- Reviewed club station equipment for operability and safety, with recommendations for improvement
- Tested club station antennas and feedlines and replaced/repared those not working properly; made recommendations for upgraded HF and VHF/UHF antennas
- Updated computer software and reviewed operability with other station equipment

The Station Review Committee has made specific recommendations to the club membership, as noted below. These include:

- Sale/auction of most surplus club equipment, including the two current HF rigs in use at the station, and purchase of one or more modern HF rigs
- Purchase of a multiband HF vertical (e.g. Cushcraft R9) to replace the current MA5V vertical
- Purchase of a 2m/70cm vertical (e.g. Comet GP-1 or GP-3) to replace the non-functioning Arrow dual-band antennas
- Replacement of older station computers with more modern computers and current operating systems.

Field Day Committee – Frank **KK5IA - Brief update on organizational activities**

- Alan Cone **K5AFC** donates \$200 for Field Day supper. Danny Rohten **AB6UR** donates \$100 for Field Day supper. Donations approved by HCARC.
- Motion passed to spend up to \$150 from HCARC treasury for Field Day T-shirts.
- Very Important Field Day planning meeting for Saturday June 10 at Red Cross Building 10AM CDT. Please attend! Many details to be announced.
- Pre-setup lunch to be a Bumdoodler's Sandwich Shop at 11:30AM Friday June 23. Field Day set-up starts 1PM June 23.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

PRESENTATION: “Field Day: Plans and Prospects” presented by Frank Edwards **KK5IA**

50/50 DRAWING

Winner: Robert Russell **KF5AIE** \$39.50

NEXT MONTH’S MEETING - July 6th

Meeting adjourned.

Total members and guests in attendance: **45**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Russell, **KF5AIE**, Secretary