

## Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 2 Feb 2017

### MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- Pledge of allegiance was led by Dale Gaudier
- New member and guest recognitions
  - Ken Brown K7PLA guest, Paul Davis KF5DMC guest, Jim Jinright AF5UX new member, Johanna Bruns KG5PBS new member, Bill Stegemueller K5NOW new member, Peter Naumburg K5HAB new member.
- Birthdays and anniversaries this month
  - Bill Stegemueller K5NOW, Scott Rago K5ARR, Dennis Robertson W5FBG, Gary Johnson N5BAA, Lew King W5LEW, Terry Hipkind WØHIP
- Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/merging recognitions (50/50 tickets)
  - Harvey K5HV for lending his antenna analyzer to Jerry W5MIG
- Other Announcements
  - Bill Tynan W3XO needs help on his Web web page
  - Reminder concerning the Radio Amateurs Code
- Minutes were posted and/or read and approved
- The Treasurers report was posted and/or read and approved
  - **PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

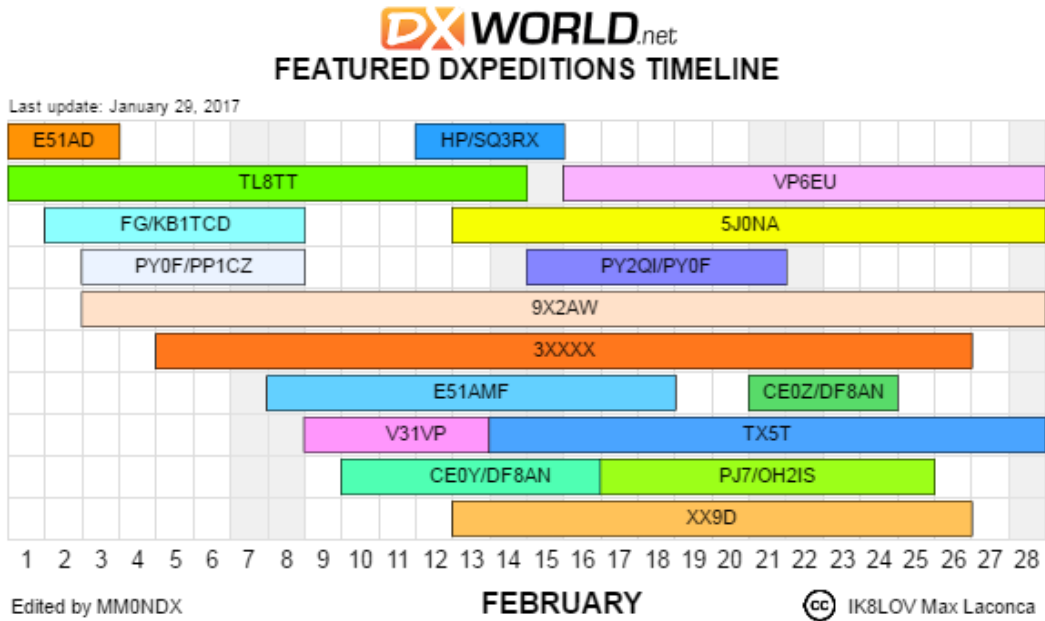
- Repeater (Curtis AD5UZ)
  - New 70cm repeater K5KSH at Kerrville State Hospital. 441.3125 MHz (+5 MHz), tone 162.2
- VE Testing (Fred WØLPD)
  - Four successful candidates; two new licensee and 2 upgrades
- Red Cross Liaison (Terry WØHIP)
  - 103 emergency responses by the Red Cross
- ARES – Terry Hipkind (WØHIP)
  - New rules forthcoming
- SKYWARN – Larry Altman (N5QGD)
  - Next training April 5<sup>th</sup> 6PM at Ag Barn
- Field Day - **need a chairperson ASAP**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Field Day planning meeting set for Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at Red Cross
- Club Station Review Committee – Dale K4DG
  - First meeting was 21 Jan 2017
    - Reviewed antennas
    - Equipment, including radios, power supplies and computers
    - Inventory of equipment being made
  - Work crews on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to address antenna issues
  - Next general meeting @10AM Sat. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at Red Cross

### OLD BUSINESS

- TXDOT signs – Robert, KF5AIE – need to choose type of sign. To be voted on at March meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- DXing news – from DX-World.net



- **Contests/Operating Events**

**February**

- CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest      0000Z, Feb 11 to 2359Z, Feb 12
- ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW      0000Z, Feb 18 to 2400Z, Feb 19
- CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB      2200Z, Feb 24 to 2200Z, Feb 26

**March 2017**

- ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB      0000Z, Mar 4 to 2400Z, Mar 5

- **Hamfests/Conventions**

**02/25/2017** | Orange Hamfest 2017    Location: Orange, TX  
 Sponsor: Orange ARC and Jefferson Co. ARC  
 Website: [http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index\\_files/HAMFEST%20INFO/hamfest%20info.htm](http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index_files/HAMFEST%20INFO/hamfest%20info.htm)

**03/04/2017** | Irving ARC Hamfest    Location: Irving, TX  
 Sponsor: Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
 Website: <http://Irvingarc.org>

**03/11/2017** | HamEXPO    Location: Belton, TX  
 Sponsor: Temple Amateur Radio Club  
 Website: <http://www.TARC.org/hamexpo/>

**03/18/2017** | Swapfest    Location: Georgetown, TX  
 Sponsor: Williamson County Amateur Radio Club  
 Website: <http://wcarc.com>

**03/24/2017** | Texas State Convention (Greater Houston Hamfest) Location: Rosenberg, TX  
Sponsor: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.houstonhamfest.org>

- **Legislative News** – even though the Ham Radio Parity Act died in the last Congress, I'm pleased to say that it has already been introduced in the new Congress and has already been passed by the House. It will now go to the Senate for further action and, hopefully, passage.
- Request for funding – antenna repairs
  - New ropes for raising/lowering dipoles – 250' UV stabilized Dacron ¼" dia. - \$50
  - New antenna wire to rebuild dipoles - #14 THHN insulated wire – 500' - \$37 (Home Depot)
  - Parts for center insulators – Amphenol SO239 panel mounts (\$3-\$4 ea. X 2); SS hardware parts (already purchased - \$34.43)
  - Possibly need a new 2m/70cm vertical antenna (FM voice comms) e.g. Diamond X30A or similar (HRO \$70) or get donation
  - Possible need 50-60 ft. RG-8, RG-8x or similar to replace deteriorated coax (\$.50-\$1.00 per foot) - \$30-\$60, plus crimp UHF connectors \$2.00 apiece (need 2)
  - Total authorization sought: \$265-\$275
  - **Total authorization given by vote of membership: \$300**

#### **BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS**

**PRESENTATION:** "Station Organization and Set Up" - Kerry Sandstrom K5KS

#### **50/50 DRAWING**

- Winner: Larry Altman N5QGD - \$38; donated his share back to club.

#### **NEXT MONTHS MEETING**

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.

Total members and guests in attendance: **33**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Russell, KF5AIE, Secretary