

## Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 3 Jan 2019

### MEETING COMMENCEMENT

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

### New member and guest recognitions

- KI5CYP Mark Harris – new member, Jim Burdon - guest

### Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/elmering recognitions

- Jim Froemke K0MHC fixed Harvey's beam – elmering
- Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Christmas party a big success
  - Special thanks to Sherry Rhoten KD6FWK for coordinating this event!
- Dale K4DG, Dr. Jim K5EWS, and Ron K5GIT assisted with disposal of equipment from estate of Mel, N5XTV in Fredericksburg. There will be some good equipment going up for auction in few weeks – paid up club members will have first shot at this equipment

### Updates to Committee Reports

- Repeater (Larry N5QGD) - See under Old Business item re upcoming meeting of repeater site review committee
- VE Testing (Fred WØLPD) quarterly test dates set up now
- Red Cross Liaison (Terry WØHIP) 5 disaster responses – Kingsland flood, 114 house fires in December
- ARES – (Terry WØHIP) nothing new to report
- SKYWARN – (Larry N5QGD) Skywarn net held at end of Dec.

### Other announcements

- Thanks to Starr, KI5SC for another great issue of the Static
- Schertz Hamfest: Sat. **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** – more info at <http://w5sc.org/>
- The HAMster VHF/UHF Weak Signal Group - 5th Annual Lunch & Learn + Swap Meet
  - **February 2nd 2019 @ 8:am** - American Red Cross: 3642 E Houston St, San Antonio
  - Technical Training, Spaghetti Luncheon, VE Testing plus swap meet
  - RAFFLE of Multiple prizes/Grand Prize: Yaesu FT-920 with Desk Microphone
  - More info at <http://www.144200.net/>
- Thanks to Barb and Pete Schuyler (N9NM, N9OF) for refreshments tonight.

### Reading/approval of prior month's minutes

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

### Reading/approval of prior month's Treasurers report

- The reading of the Treasurer's reports for November and December was waived and the report, as posted, was approved.
- Thanks to all who prepaid their 2019 dues – dues are now due for 2019

## OLD BUSINESS

- Update on club call sign change to W3XO
  - Application for changing call from N5HR to W3XO was made to the FCC on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Call sign change **granted** by FCC on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - We are now **W3XO!**
- Repeater Committee is up and running
  - We will have our initial meeting this coming Sat. the 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the Red Cross
  - We will be reviewing a proposed new site for the club's repeaters
  - Any interested club member is invited to participate
- Dennis W5FBG still needs volunteers for the Finance Committee to help us budget for our future needs – please see Dennis if you would like to help
  - Purchase of new HF vertical antenna and dual band 2m/70cm antenna that was approved at Oct. meeting will be made shortly.

## NEW BUSINESS

- None noted.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/BUSINESS

- Next Month's Meeting on **Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** (regular date)
  - Special Time and Place – **7:00 PM at Schreiner University** for a presentation on "**Space Weather**" by **Dr. Tamitha Skov**
  - This is a special opportunity for us to learn about how solar dynamics effect our weather (and propagation) from a nationally recognized expert in space weather
  - Our regular business meeting will be held at **6:30pm** at Schreiner, just prior to the presentation
  - Locations for the business meeting and presentation to be announced in near future

## BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

**PRESENTATION:** "How to Use the Club's new Flex 6400M Radios: Basic Setup and Operating" presented by Dale K4DG and Gary NA3VY

**50/50 DRAWING:** Winner: (not noted)

**FEBRUARY MEETING** - See "Other Announcements/Business" above

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Johanna Bruns – KG5PBS  
Secretary