

Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 04 August, 2016

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- Pledge of allegiance led by Robert Russell KF5AIE.
- NEW MEMBER AND GUEST RECOGNITION
 - Lyn Allen KG5NPU, Johanna Breug
 - Becky Grinfield (new member)
 - Rick Harris
 - Peter Naumburg K5HAB
 - S. Derek Rehfield
 - Warren Setnan KG5NPV
 - Zachary Sharpe AE5JN
 - Bill Stegemueller KG5NOW
- Birthdays and anniversaries this month
 - Barbara Schuyler N9MN and Peter Schuyler N9OF-married 38yrs
 - Barbara Schuyler N9MN-birthday--!
- Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/elmering recognitions – No mentions
- The July 2016 minutes were posted and/or read and approved.
- The Treasurer's report was posted and/or read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Repeater (Harvey K5HV)
 - Repeater antenna operating well. WIFI link improved.
- VE Testing (Fred W0LPD) No recent tests given. Fred reminded The Club that license testing can be held at ANY location and time with prior notification from test applicants.
- Red Cross- Terry Hipkind W0HIP reported no new activity.
- SkyWarn- Larry Altman N5QDG reported no emergency activity. He reminded Club members to be alert always concerning weather changes and conditions.
- ARES- Terry Hipkind W0HIP described future communication link involving using cell phone procedures.

OLD BUSINESS

- Robert, KF5AIE, reviewed status of proposal to place Club repeater signs on IH-10. No new correspondence from TXDOT Regional Engineer regarding placement of locations. Seems that a rotation of personnel at TXDOT is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bill Tynan W3XO made motion for Club to donate \$100 to ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. Motion carried and approved.
- Another motion made by Bill to increase the donation to \$200. Final approval of motion. Motion approved. and resolved that The Club will donate \$200 to ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund.
- Contests/Operating Events
 - **10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB** - 0001Z, Aug 6 to 2359Z, Aug 7
 - **European HF Championship** - 1200Z-2359Z, Aug 6
 - **North American QSO Party, CW** - 1800Z, Aug 6 to 0559Z, Aug 7
 - **WAE DX Contest, CW** - 0000Z, Aug 13 to 2359Z, Aug 14
 - **ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest** - 0600 local, Aug 20 to 2400 local, Aug 21
 - **ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY** - 1800Z-2359Z, Aug 21
 - **National Parks on the Air** – see ARRL.org website for stations, times and locations
- DX World.net DXpeditions for August posted:



- Hamfests/Conventions
 - Texas State Convention (Austin Summerfest 2016) 08/05/2016, Austin, TX
- Legislative news
 - Reminder: send letters in support of HR 1301/S 1685 (Amateur Radio Parity Act) to ARRL. Status: HOA groups and ARRL have come to an agreement over compromise language that will enable hams to have outdoor antennas in HOA-controlled neighborhoods, subject to “reasonable” restrictions. Compromise

language now needs to be approved by both Senate and House committees before being sent to floor for full vote. Send letters in support of the legislation to your senators and representative via ARRL.

- Other
 - Open discussion about benefits and virtues of amateur radio organizations. Special interest expressed by guests and new members about licensing preparations and study techniques. Don Murray W4WJ discussed CW learning techniques.
 - Confidence-enhancing experiences shared for benefit of newly licensed members. Active participation from all members!

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

PRESENTATION: 'Mini HamFest' held in Red Cross Building lobby.

- Ron Follmar K5GIT donated a full pickup bed load of parts, devices, and "collectables" from his private horde. Plenty to go around. Much glee and excitement noted. Thanks Ron! Maybe more offerings in future meetings?...

50/50 DRAWING

- Winner of 50/50: Lynn Allen KG5NPU \$21 (donated to Club).

Meeting adjourned. Next Club meeting: **September 1, 2016.**

35 persons present

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Russell KF5AIE, Club Secretary