

## Minutes of HCARC Meeting – 4 May 2017

### MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Dale K4DG
- **New member and guest recognition**
  - Walter E. Little AF7BD, Fred Andrus
- **Birthdays and anniversaries this month**
  - Dr. Jim Lindley MD, K5EWS anniversary May 15, James D. Turner N5PAO anniversary May 25.
- **Public service/emergency service and membership assistance/emerling recognitions**
  - Gary N5BAA, Robert KF5AIE and Dale K4DG for their assistance in helping to repair the club's 80M and 40M NVIS antennas
  - Jim Fromke KØMHC helped Curtis Eastwood AD5UZ with 10GHz beacon antenna
  - Dale K4DG for Technician License classes (16 students and growing!).
- **Other announcements**
  - Publishing Static – kudos to Starr KI5SC for his excellent work on the April Static
  - Licensing class – 16 students – we will be wrapping up on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Fred WØLPD will need plenty of VEs to handle testing the afternoon of May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Updates on Committee Reports**
  - **Repeater** - Curtis AD5UZ – new experimental 10 Ghz propagation beacon is being tested and may be temporarily installed at our repeater site – Jim KØMHC has details.
    - Bill W3XO corrected April meeting minutes about 900 MHz repeater donation source. K5TRA Thomas Apel (Austin, TX) donated repeater, Bill W3XO donated antenna and coax.
  - **Station Review Committee** – Dale K4DG – club station's 80M and 40M NVIS antennas have been repaired and center frequencies adjusted to local ARES/EMCOMM frequencies. Committee is finalizing its work and expects to make its recommendations to the club membership at the June club meeting. This will include recommendations on disposal of surplus equipment and possible purchase of new station equipment.
  - **ARES** – Terry WØHIP – there will be a planning meeting for the Kerr Co. Disaster Assessment Drill on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Red Cross. The actual drill will be held on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Field Day** – Frank KK5IA - Field Day planning meeting to be held June 03, 2017, at 10AM at the Red Cross.
- **Reading/approval of prior month's minutes**
  - The reading of the minutes for April 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 April was waived and the report, as posted, was approved.
    - Terry WØHIP inquired about a \$3 check charge on the report, as he pointed out that the club's checking account includes free check processing. The Treasurer, W5FBG, will check on this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **TXDOT signs** – Robert, KF5AIE  
TxDOT has refused to allow HCARC repeater signs to be placed on IH-10 because of cost, and private contractor engagement only, with yearly fees. Consensus of club members is to table this project for now and reopen if TxDOT becomes more agreeable to providing such a sign.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None noted

#### **BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS**

**PRESENTATION:** "(Almost) Everything You Wanted to Know About Digital Modes" presented by Fred Gilmore, WØLPD, and Terry Hipskind, WØHIP

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

- Winner: \$33.50 to Lyn Allen KG5NPU

#### **NEXT MONTH'S MEETING** - June 1<sup>st</sup>

Meeting adjourned.

Total members and guests in attendance: **51**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Russell, KF5AIE, Secretary