

Monthly Club Meeting Minutes

date

2023-09-16

convened

09:30

adjourned

10:40

Officers

- **President:** David Bailey (K5DKB) *absent*
- **Vice President:** Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ) *present*
- **Secretary:** Matthew Barry (KG5LYE) *present*
- **Treasurer:** Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) *present*

Attendees (19)

Quorum attained!

- Becky Darien (K5BEC)
- Kevin Walton (K5BTX)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ken Reeves (KE5FIV)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Hunter Hambric
- Thomas Sanborn (KG7GGP)
- Patti Weir (KJ5BED)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

excused

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- Nothing to report

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

Approval of Minutes

- Hearing no corrections, minutes stand approved as sent out
- Minutes from this meeting will be sent out later today

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

ARRL VEC Field-Stocked Club

- After having hosted four VE test sessions, we are now field-stocked!
- We now have exams, forms, etc. and can hold a test session at any time now
- Previously, we had to request materials from the ARRL for each exam (which was a lot of guesswork) and return everything afterwards

Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$8,585.06
- Income: \$130
 - membership dues
 - donation
 - VE fees
- Disbursements: \$60
 - VE fees
 - VE field-stock supplies
- Ending balance: \$8,655.06

Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 2023 stickers: \$2
- Club logo pins (limited): \$3
- Club logo stickers: \$2
- Club logo window clings: \$2
- Club logo patches: \$5
- Club logo keychains: \$2

Membership Renewals

Membership can be renewed in any of the following ways:

- Online at [Ham Club Online](#)
- Request PayPal invoice via email
- Mail in cash or check (PO Box 4442, Bryan, TX 77805-4442)
- Bring cash or check in-person at a meeting

Other Business

Upcoming October Events

- 2023-10-02 Belton Hamfest
- 2023-10-21
 - Hazardous Waste
 - Club Meeting and **Radio in the Park** after
 - Mike Wisby (KA5HIA) will be bringing the Go-Kit

Officer Nominating Committee

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- Need to start thinking about 2024 officer cycle
- Consider volunteering to serve on committee
 - Almost a guarantee that you won't be nominated for an officer position
- Volunteer Chair: Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Description of committee tasks:
 - Send email to membership to solicit nominations for officer positions
 - Sometimes you get no replies; start calling around
 - Assemble a list of candidates for the ballot
 - Present to the club during the **November** meeting for approval
 - Help tally votes for elections during the **December** meeting

Winter Field Day Committee

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Chaired by Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Scheduled meetings start 2023-10-04

Social Gathering

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- BigShots, [400 W Villa Maria Rd, Bryan, TX 77801](#)
- We'll stake a claim to some tables in restaurant
- Hit some golf balls
- 2023-09-28 16:30-ish (to whenever)

American Legion Post 159 Outreach

- They've given us a home in their facility
- It'd be nice to do continue doing something for them (preferably on an ongoing basis)
 - They have Coffee and Donuts social every Thursday 08:00/10:00
 - Sponsor the event for \$100
- Send delegates to an event to present gift

- **Motion by Matthew Barry (KG5LYE):**
to budget \$100 for us to sponsor event of American Legion's choosing
Seconded by Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB).

Outcome: *passes*

- Additional Discussion:
 - Ask about making this a recurring sponsorship (maybe 3-4 times a year)
 - Table 'recurring sponsorship' to next meeting

W5AC Updates

Bill Preston (KZ3G)

- W5AC has a new shack in Wisenbaker
- An invitation has been extended for them to come to Winter Field Day
- Solar Eclipse in 2024-04-08
 - 97% totality here in B/CS

New Voices on the Air

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Hearing some new callsigns on repeater
- May not be licensed, but it's an opportunity to reach out to them

ARES

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Meeting Monday, 2023-09-18 18:30
 - American Red Cross, [4244 Boonville Rd, Bryan, TX 77802](#)
- Will go through radio equipment to inventory capabilities
- We have some capabilities that may not be exercised:
 - D-STAR, DMR, Yaesu Fusion, etc.
 - Maybe form user groups to keep exercising them
 - KF5WGJ: Set a date and send an email to the [listserv](#)

RACES

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Update on Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
 - Wheelchair-bound, but in good spirits
 - Need to get him out of the house
 - Plan to "kidnap" him and take him to C&J's one of these days
 - He and his wife are on board with this plan
- Facility at RELLIS is stuck in political discussions

- Working through existing DPS facility equipment

Gift Photo for Charlie Culver (KD5DLW)

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Kevin Walton (K5BTX), Phil Gates (N5ZKF), et al. have a framed photo of KD5DLW during construction when two towers were up
 - Many members have signed it
- Wanted to do a BBQ at Charlie's place to present this photo to him: didn't come to fruition
- Invited him to field day to present photo to him: wasn't able to make it
- Finally met him on Friday Lunch at Feed Barn to get it to him
 - He extended his thanks on multiple occasions
 - Photo is now hanging prominently in his office
- K5BTX spearheaded effort to grant Charlie honorary membership in the club

Kevin Walton (K5BTX) Moving Away

- This is Kevin's (K5BTX) last meeting
- Will be moving to Clayton, NC, 2023-10-10 (and will unfortunately miss the annular eclipse)
- Plans to be back for the total eclipse
- "Thank you for your friendship"
- Keep in touch! 10 m band is hopping, by the way

Website URL Updates

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- If you see anything with our old website (or other incorrect information), please try to get in touch with us (or whoever publishes that info) to get it updated
- Trying to point all website links to w5bcs.radio.

Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

- If anyone needs help with anything please reach out to the club. You can contact any of the officers at:
 - officers@bryanarc.org

Closing

Motion by Jeff McDowell (KI5CES):
to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Bill Preston (KZ3G).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2023-10-21 09:30 at American Legion Post 159