

Feb 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2024-02-17

convened

09:38

adjourned

10:59

Officers

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

Attendees (28)

Quorum attained!

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Don Hutchcraft (KE5ADX)
- Mindy Caldwell (KJ5MJC)
- Patti Weir (KJ5BED)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Steven DeVillier (KI5AYW)

- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Nathan Wood (KN4TTV)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Dennis Norris (KJ5DWC)
- Jim Hanks Jr. (W5CYN)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Rich Rychetsky (KI5QNR)
- Jack Rychetsky

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- I'm here... Thanks for being here!

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- (See below for Winter Field Day Graphs)

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)

Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$8,633.06
- Income: \$894
 - \$375 membership dues

- \$33 club sales
- \$6 donations
- \$75 ham license exam fees
- \$405 meal tips field day
- Disbursements: \$515.92
 - \$75 ham license exam fees
 - \$175.92 food and supplies
 - \$115 Copy Corner
 - \$150 donation to American Legion for cleaning
- Ending balance: \$9,011.14

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

Brazos County ARES

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Next meeting
 - 2024-02-19 18:30
 - American Red Cross
- Discussing alternate ways of operating a radio, even remotely
 - e.g., Echolink on the [W5BCS Repeater](#)
 - Taking advantage of new technology
- CEOC visits on Fridays 09:00
- Interesting story:

- Was on Carnival Ship Jubilee when it rescued two guys on a kayak about 10 mi off Cancun
- Had stopped 30 min prior for medical transfer; might not have seen them otherwise

Robertson County ARES

Jim Hanks Jr. (W5CYN)

- Trying to get All-Star node for [W5KVN Repeater](#)

RACES

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- “If offshore boat does not have working EPIRB, get off immediately”
 - Alerts others via satellite in event of emergency
- TDEM Facility at RELLIS is almost ready
 - waiting for coax to be pulled
 - would like to host meeting out there one weekend

American Legion

Don Hutchcraft (KE5ADX)

- Need volunteers for American Legion Boys’ State
- District Convention in Alvarado coming up as well, but conflicts with W5BCS club meeting
- Many paths to membership if you want to get involved
 - Auxiliary now open to men whose wives served in the armed forces

Winter Field Day

- Attendance: 61 people this year
 - 16 more people than last year!
 - Granted, these are only the people who signed in...
 - Shout-out to Bill Preston (KZ3G) for greeting people and having them sign in!
 - Good outreach for radio and TV stations
 - With lots of help from American Legion’s relationship with them
- Financial Recap
 - Income: \$405
 - all from meal tip jar
 - Expenses: \$440.92
 - \$175.92 food and supplies
 - \$115 printing

- \$150 cleaning donation to American Legion
- Net cost was \$35.92
- Food donations by Rick Pfeil (W4RDP) and Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ) – Thank you!
- Thank you to all who helped make the event possible!
 - setup for antennas and logging system
 - loaning equipment
 - cooking and organization
 - Winter Field Day Committee
- We made 3543 total points
 - 192 contacts (227 pts)
 - 157 phone contacts (1 pt each)
 - 35 CW contacts at (2 pts each; 70 pts)
 - Multiplier (for band/mode combos): ×9
 - phone on 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m
 - CW on 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m
 - 1500 bonus points (500 each):
 - alternate power source
 - antenna setup
 - operating away from home
- [Survey Result Graphs](#)
 - Lots of good participation and feedback
 - Looks like everyone had a good time
- K5DKB: saw all 3 radios being used to teach others
- Some ideas for improvement:
 - volume in radio room was problematic; headphones, sound-absorbing panels
 - dietary needs accommodations
 - logging system robustness: logging stops if main computer goes offline
 - inviting other people to bring and test their equipment
 - having
 - always looking for additional help/volunteers
 - if you have any ideas, feel free to reach out!
- All about learning and adapting to unforeseen/emergency scenarios
 - All around, “a marvelous success!”

April Meeting

- Falls on Support your Parks weekend
- maybe discuss holding meeting (and radio operations?) at nearby state park

Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

- Update on Dick Zimmer (W5DZ) (as of 2024-02-12) from Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
 - had appointment in Houston with new doctor
 - Sends his regards to everyone
- If anyone needs help with anything please reach out to the club. You can contact any of the officers at:
 - officers@bryanarc.org

Next Meeting

2024-03-16 09:30 at American Legion Post 159

Closing

Motion by Mike Wisby (KA5HIA):

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Ron Hambric (N5SBN).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*