

Mar 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2024-03-16

convened

09:30

adjourned

10:18

Officers

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

Attendees (31)

Quorum attained!

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Gary Baldwin (KF5ZRT)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- David Cooper (KI5JPG)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ray Meech (WA5IWB)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)

- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- James Pfeffer (KJ5BRH)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Nathan Wood (KN4TTV)
- J.R. Hatton
- Lee Kutty
- Laura Cass
- Carson Cass

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- 501(c)(3) IRS obligations for 2023 have been fulfilled
- Thank-you to Tom Johnson for agreeing to be part of our business committee!
- Thank-you to Dave Vickers for serving last year!

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- Field Day season coming up
 - Will be begging for volunteers soon
 - KA5HIA: Field Day is normally last full weekend of June, but this year is the *week before*
 - 2024-06-22/23
 - ARRL website says *4th full weekend* in June (which just happens to be the last weekend much of the time)
- SkyWarn this week on Wednesday

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: \$9,011.14
- Income: \$75
 - \$15 for dues
 - \$30 for club sales
 - \$30 for ARRL VE exam fees
- Disbursements: \$106.32
 - \$30 exam fees
 - \$76 for American Legion Veteran's (5th) Thursday Kolaches
 - \$0.32 Mystery service charge
 - Field Day VISA gift card prize? (please use it up if you have it)
- Ending balance: \$8,979.82

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
- Club logo buttons: \$2 (**New!**)

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)

- [Meeting](#) this Monday, 2024-03-18
- Bring your HT go-kit

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Meeting last weekend at KI5FIZ's house to put up weather station
- [Thursday night \(20:00\) net](#) on [W5KVN Repeater](#)

RACES

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- RELLIS update:
 - Radio folks came from Austin
 - New contractor walk-through
 - measurements, photos, etc. for running hard-line from roof to radio room
 - still waiting on coax and antennas
 - Would like to have open house out there in the future
 - 66,000 sq ft warehouse
 - climate-controlled
 - lots of emergency supplies in there
 - planning to build several more around the state
 - lots of army cots available for housing

Voyager 1 is still alive!

Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)

- NASA poked it and got a response
- the noise they've been seeing is a subprocessor memory dump
- WA5IWB: Worked JPL during Neptune fly-by, and they sent a package of 8×10 in photos in addition to a QSL card

Balloon Launch

Ray Meech (WA5IWB)

- Apologies again for the mishap during Winter Field Day
- Still have the package; will try again
- KI5FIZ: Planning another launch for Saturday of Field Day

- will have live tracking during the rest of Field Day

W5BCS Repeater Improvements

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Thanks to Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ) for putting together all of the recent improvements on the W5BCS repeater:
 - Echolink
 - Broadcastify
 - D-STAR
 - Note: our gateway will be updated in the upcoming weeks/month
 - Recommend registration on cloud site instead of our own host
- Yaesu has deal on repeaters:
 - Can get an upgrade to the current rpeater for \$700 (less than half the normal price)
 - Can also get a “backup” for the same deal price
 - For additional \$200, we get Internet connectivity for control and C4RM (WIRES-X)

Motion by David Vickers (KI5WEH):

to budget \$900 (with flexibility for taxes, shipping) to purchase a spare W5BCS repeater for the club

Seconded by Mike Wisby (KA5HIA).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

- W4RDP: Charlie Culver is getting close to retirement... What happens to the tower if/when that happens?
 - not official, but Chairlie said would be willing to putt the support of our club as part of the terms

Radio in the Park

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Radio in the Park (weather permitting) after
- Traditionally has been at Tanglewood Park
- Parks on the Air activation?
 - Get in the truck to go to a state park after the meeting if anyone is interested

Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

- Congrats to Kerry Miller (WD5ABC) and Becky Miller (K5BEC) on their recent marriage!
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA) hhas a second grandchild
- 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 Rick Pfeil (W4RDP):

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2024-04-20 09:30 at American Legion Post 159

- Radio in the Park after

After-Meeting Show-and-Tell

- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA): AM/FM/short-wave receiver for embassy personnel
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF): folded exponential horn “analog (sound) impedance matching amplifier”
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG): label maker in “wire mode” and megohmmeter (for measuring insulation on cables, winding on motors, etc.)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH): HF go-kit briefcase and backpack (in a backpack) w/ radios, wires, antennas
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC): \$100 (tr)uSDX kit and \$10 Harbor Freight foam-insert case (Watch for counterfeits! Go to [DL2MAN](#) for list of

authorized sellers)

- David Bailey (K5DKB): Also brought a (tr)uSDX!