

Apr 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2024-04-20

convened

09:33

adjourned

10:46

Officers

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

Attendees (32)

Quorum attained!

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Mindy Caldwell (KJ5MJC)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- David Cooper (KI5JPG)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Henry Menefee (W5RAS)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)
- Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB)

- Wayne Pecena (N1WP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Nathan Wood (KN4TTV)
- Michael Kingman (NS5E)
- Marilyn Kingman (KE5VOT)
- Lee Kutty
- Stephen Arnold (KJ5FQN)
- Gregg McCravey
- Robert Grigsby (KI5WFZ)
- Laura Cass
- Carson Cass

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Welcome!
- Lots of new faces!
- Sorry about the weather; we'll have to postpone Radio in the Park until May
- Field Day planning

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- We have a box!
 - From Japan through California
 - Yaesu has a promotion to buy a repeater (spare in this case) for half-price
 - Membership voted to take advantage
 - There is a repeater in the box!

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: \$8,979.82
- Income: \$148
 - Membership dues
 - Swag
 - VE exam fees
 - Repeater donations
- Disbursements: \$15
 - VE exam fees to ARRL
- Ending balance: \$9,112.82

NOTE: Repeater has been purchased (by Paul), but has not been disbursed (about \$900)

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

National Train Day

- 2024-05-11 10:00/18:00
 - Day before Mother's Day
 - TAMU Graduation Weekend
- At the [Hearne Depot Train Museum](#):
 - Things to do:
 - Model trains that you can control

- Handcar
- Telegraph equipment
- Will be holding an event with two other museums
- Was open to having club hold a special event there
 - Maybe have some CW operators show how telegraphs are done!

Other Business

Brazos County ARES

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [Regular monthly meetings](#)
- [CEOC visits](#)
- New TDEM District Headquarters facility on RELLIS campus
 - Joint Eclipse & severe weather exercise on 2024-04-08

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- [Regular weekly net on W5KVN](#)
 - Often, there are more visitors than ARES members
- [Monthly meeting](#)
 - need to find a new location
 - Will hold meeting at Hearne Train Depot on 2024-05-11
- N5ZKF: Grimes County net also Thursday evenings 19:00

W5AC

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- The [2m W5AC](#) repeater is back on the air

Field Day Preparation

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Field Day is only 3 months away!
 - 2024-06-22/23
- We need volunteers to help plan the festivities
- Raffle: do we want to keep doing it?
 - We almost lost money last year
 - Picking and acquiring prizes is hard

- Selling tickets is a lot of work
- People aren't as willing to buy
- Alternate ideas to encourage:
 - "split the pot"
 - door prizes
 - "micro-raffle" - sell tickets at the door for a few cheaper items
 - white elephant
- In the past, we needed a fundraiser to keep money in the treasury
 - these days, we have more members, and some have made very generous donations to pay for club expenses in the past several years
 - ongoing regular expenses:
 - PO box
 - Food at meetings
 - we get the following for free:
 - repeater tower space (thanks, Charlie!)
 - meeting place (thanks, American Legion!)

Motion by Bill Preston (KZ3G):

to not have a raffle this year

Seconded by Ken Wilson (KE5DFR).

Discussion

K5DKB: be careful, we should probably leave this decision up to the committee.

Outcome: *withdrawn*

- Committee responsibilities
 - Zoom meetings every other week (1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 18:30)
- Interested members:
 - (club officers, of course)
 - Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
 - Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
 - Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
 - Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
 - Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
 - John Walker (W1JCW)
 - Jim Laird (KF5YY)
 - Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- We'll have a coordination Zoom meeting this coming Wednesday 18:30
 - Link will be sent out later

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 Ken Wilson (KE5DFR):

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Jim Laird (KF5YY).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2024-05-18 09:30 at American Legion Post 159

After-Meeting Presentation

FCC CORES Sign-Up by Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/lgQyU1b0xaE>