

Jul 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2024-07-20

convened

09:32

adjourned

10:17

Officers

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

Attendees (23)

Quorum attained!

- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)
- Gregg McCravey
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Michael Miller (KJ5GMH)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ray Meech (WA5IWB)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Matt Robinson
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)

- D Neal Scogin (KC5SCD)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Shawn McGee (KJ5HBA)
- Nathan Wood (KN4TTV)
- Stephen Arnold (KJ5FQN)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- No official business today except to adjourn
- Lots of cool things to show-and-tell!
- Nothing else to report

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- Field Day was fun!
- Looking for feedback for things could've been better
 - We were whelmed or even overwhelmed
- Will send out some notes

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

Field Day Points Report

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Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$9,176.22
- Income: \$748.00
 - \$24 - Club Sales
 - \$110 - Membership
 - \$539 - Field Day
 - \$75 - VE Exam Fees
- Disbursements: \$1475.50
 - \$75 - VE Exam Fees to ARRL
 - \$216 - USPS PO Box Rental
 - \$134.50 - Raffle Prize
 - \$150 - Donation to American Legion for cleaning
 - \$900 - Reimbursement to Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ) for Repeater Purchase
- Ending balance: \$8,448.72

Field Day

- \$923.13 Income
 - \$315.97 - Food donation (KF5WGJ)
 - \$68.16 - Printing donation (Lorna)
 - \$332 - Meal donations
 - \$207 - Raffle
- \$668.63 Expenses
 - \$315.97 - Food
 - \$68.16 - Printing
 - \$150 - Cleaning
 - \$134.50 - Raffle Prize
- \$254.50 Net profit
 - Only possible because of member donations!

Winter Field Day

- American Legion Post is already booked
- Need to find another venue... Suggestions?
 - open to public
 - available for full 24-48 hours (Saturday to Sunday)

Ham License Exam Notice to Technicians

- Gentleman tested on 2024-06-22, but hadn't received callsign on 2024-07-05
- Didn't receive email from ARRL on how to pay FCC fees
 - Watch email, especially spam folder!
- **Notice to technicians:**
 - Test results are sent to ARRL the day of the test
 - ARRL forwards to FCC the next business day
 - FCC opens 10-day window asking for payment

- Application spends 10 days in limbo
- FCC sends Letter of Dismissal, in which case Lorna has to ask ARRL to resubmit info

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)

- We meet at CEOC every Friday 09:50 to check the radios and solve the world's problems

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- New Meeting Place: Franklin Volunteer Fire Department
 - We meet 2nd Saturday of each month 09:30
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0) will come speak about Skywarn next month
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) is new EC!

Skywarn

- Looking for wet weather in the next week: up to 5 inches
- Shouldn't be any severe weather, but if there is, we will have net on [KD5DLW repeater](#)
- Repeater keeps opening... Why?
 - Potential interference or another station

- Yaesu DCS tone retransmission?
- Time how long it is between “kerchunks” and let us know
- Use [W5BCS repeater](#) as backup

Show and Tell

- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC): Found some power supplies for alarm systems (2 A, 3 A, and 4 A)
- D Neal Scogin (KC5SCD): Interested in putting together an interest group for digital modes, particularly DMR
 - Talk to me after meeting if interested
 - KG5LYE, KF5WGJ, K5DKB: Club *needs* to have some type of mechanism for organizing interest groups and facilitating communications
 - Mailing lists?
 - Forum on website?
 - After W5BCS net?
 - Presenting to club on topic?
- Ray Meech (WA5IWB): Voyager had an outage for a while and was re-established
 - Made contact with JPL amateur radio club
 - Sent a QSL card and press packet with fly-by pictures
 - Brenham does Radio in the Park and POTA activations on a monthly basis

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 **Jim Laird (KF5YY)**:

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by **Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)**.

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2024-08-17 09:30 at American Legion Post 159

After-Meeting Presentation

10,000 View of [Meshtastic](#) by David Bailey (K5DKB)