

Oct 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2024-10-19

convened

09:32

adjourned

10:19

Officers

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

Attendees (20)

Quorum attained!

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)

- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Philip Colling (AI5TD)
- Gabriel Rodriguez

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- What is the Silent Key tradition of Last Call?
- N5ZKF:
 - before we go through the net agenda, we sometimes do a “last call”
 - old memorial tradition going back many years through many organizations (even outside of ham radio)
 - whenever a ham radio operator passes away, we call out to them one last time to honor them
 - call their call sign three times
 - I usually find out about them from obituaries in the newspaper
- Radio in the Park
 - [Tanglewood Park in Bryan](#)
 - after meeting
- January Luncheon meeting
 - 2025-01-18 11:00/13:00
 - [Cooper's BBQ](#)
 - Go through the line, get some BBQ, and join us in the Llano room
- Winlink presentation after next meeting
 - by KI5FIZ, KJ5EFO, KA5HIA
 - equipment and software demo!
 - If you have equipment, feel free to bring it!

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

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: \$8,114.72
- Income: \$35 (Ham license exam fees)
- Disbursements: \$35 (Ham license exam fees to ARRL)
- Ending balance: \$8,114.72

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

Ham License Exam

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Will start immediately after the meeting

Winter Field Day

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Will be sending out Zoom invite soon

- Suggested meetings every other Thursday 18:30
 - Starting 2024-11-07
 - Hearing no objections, we'll start with that schedule
- Rules have been sent out
 - This is now a 30-hour event; we might stick with a 24-hour event
 - Venue (American Red Cross) may not be available for complete duration anyway

W5BCS Holiday Party

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 2024-12-15 14:00/18:00
- Lorna's house in Hearne
 - [Good on QRZ](#).
- More details to come

Brazos County ARES (N5BRZ)

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Meeting this coming Monday, 2024-10-21 18:30
 - American Red Cross, [4244 Boonville Rd, Bryan](#)
 - Will be discussing Skywarn, Emergency communications
 - Update on Amateur Radio contributions for Hurricane Helene efforts in the Carolinas
- Thanks to all who took care of N5BRZ in my absence!

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Last meeting, we talked about radio programming using CHIRP
- Next meeting 2024-11-09 09:30
- [Franklin fire station on Glass St](#)
 - Will do a portable copper tube J-pole antenna build

Echolink and Nets

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Echolink appears to be online and reaching the repeater again!
 - Paul seems to have fixed the issue
 - N5SBN: be sure to pause for a few seconds between the conversation to allow for transmission delay
- We have a question for discussion during the net to spark discussion
 - If you have an idea for a question, please let me know at n5zkf@arrl.net

Emergency Preparedness

Bill Preston (KZ3G)

- encourage everyone to get involved with either ARES or RACES
 - Emergency communications serves as a “backbone” of the hobby
- N5ZKF: there is also more to the service definition
- K5DKB: practice and preparedness keeps skills fresh for when emergency does come
- N5SBN: Winlink is the preferred official means of communication in an emergency
- Radio equipment is particularly EM-sensitive
 - Interesting read: [Carrington Event](#)

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 WC1JCW:

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Bill Preston (KZ3G).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2024-11-16 09:30 at American Legion Post 159