

Apr 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2025-04-19

convened

09:35

adjourned

10:47

Officers

- **President:** David Bailey (K5DKB) *present*
- **Vice President:** Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG) *present*
- **Secretary:** Matthew Barry (KG5LYE) *present*
- **Treasurer:** Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) *present*

Attendees (23)

Quorum attained!

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Carrie Kirchner (KJ5JWN)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Ricardo Pena (WN5RMP)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)

- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- David Wisby (KI5SHY)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Dawn James
- Kimber 🐾
- Hunter Hambric

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- It's Easter weekend: Happy Easter!
- Beginning preparations for Field Day
 - Get your volunteer hat ready
- We've taken care of our IRS paperwork for the year

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- ARRL Field Day will be 2025-06-28/29 this year
- Will be at the 'usual' place again this year: American Legion Post 159
- looking for volunteers
 - Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) has done a great job in past years, and she wants someone else to take over
 - We'll have sign-up sheets at the next meeting
 - Some help in the same way each year, and we're thankful for you!
- Radio in the Park after the meeting today
 - At Tanglewood Park
 - We're on the table closest to 29th street
 - I have a canopy set up already

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)

- 72 members currently
- Letter from American Red Cross thanking us for \$100 donation
- Using their facility for Winter Field Day
- Sale of equipment at the back

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

- “Job as treasurer is not only to collect money, but think of ways to spend it.”
- We currently sponsor Kolaches for [Veteran’s Coffee event](#) on 5th Thursdays
- The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors [Girls State](#)
 - Held at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin
- They are Seeking donations to sponsor girls to attend
 - By comparison, the complementary program, American Legion Boys State, is well-supported
- Part of our 501(c)(3) is to support education, especially in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- Would the club like to sponsor a young women interested in these fields?
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF) had his daughter participate:
 - She had a great time and gained a lot from it
 - Very positive civic and outreach effort
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
 - Taught in public school system, and noticed that fewer and fewer men are stepping up to take leadership roles
 - More women are stepping up to fill leadership positions, and we should support them in any way we can

Motion by Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB):

To sponsor a young lady for \$475 for Girls State

Seconded by Ron Hambric (N5SBN).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Last Month’s Statement

- Starting balance: \$9,275.37

- Income: \$2,450.00
 - \$35 in dues
 - \$2,400 for sale of flex radio
 - \$15 for VE fees
- Disbursements: \$15
 - \$15 VE fees to ARRL
- Ending balance: \$11,710.37

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)

- Visitor Dawn James, who was at SKYWARN training on Thursday
- [Monthly ARES Meeting](#) this coming Monday, 2025-04-21 18:30
 - Will be working on communications trailer
- [CEOC visits](#) will resume next Friday, 2025-04-25 09:30

Trailer Tires

Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)

- Waiting for ARES tax-exempt status to take effect to buy tires
- Club trailer (“Old Fart’s Trailer”) also need tires

Motion by Rick Pfeil (W4RDP):

To purchase 4 tires for the ARES antenna trailer with the understanding that half the cost will be reimbursed by ARES

Seconded by Brad Snyder (W5BLS).

Discussion

This motion supercedes the [prior motion on 2025-02-15](#).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

SKYWARN

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Two training sessions on Thursday
 - Both were really enjoyable!
 - First one without Dan Riley
 - The two people who filled in, Tim and Haley, did great!
 - Good turnout!
 - Thanks to the National Weather Service for hosting the training
- Training can be done online
 - There's a link on our local site: <https://brazoskywarn.com>
- Slight (2 out of 5) risk of severe weather tomorrow

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Met at Volunteer Fire Department in Franklin
- Learned about using NetLogger
- Weekly nets
- Meeting coming up

RACES

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- First ARES District 5 meeting coming up
- 2025-05-03 12:00 at CEOC
- Open to anyone to attend
- Emergency Coordinators will be assembling from neighboring counties
- Link on website to RSVP
 - <https://www.n5brzcares.org/>

- Lunch provided: Subway

RELLIS Update

- Still waiting on contractor to finish the radio room
- 12 7/8 hard-line from roof to radio room
 - 3 dual-band antennas on the roof
 - 1 large folded dipole HF antenna
- Waiting on TDEM to provide specifications for Radios
- 900 MHz repeater and gateway
 - Network of 17 other repeaters

Free Books!

- *2024 Emergency Response Guidebook*
- Made of real paper!
- Not for sale

HamThreads

- Brad Snyder (W5BLS) purchased hat at Belton HamFest a while back from [HamThreads](#)
 - Embroidery company that does branding for ham radio organizations
- Club could pay \$45 to have club logo made available for members to purchase merchandise from HamThreads
- We're told that our current artwork should be suitable...
 - However, this has been problematic for local embroidery organizations
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG) has offered to pay the \$45. Other members have offered to purchase sample products

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@w5bcs.radio
- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio

Closing

Motion by **Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)**:

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Ron Estes (KJ5EF0).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2025-05-17 09:30 at American Legion Post 159