

# Dec 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

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**date**

2025-12-20

**convened**

09:32

**adjourned**

10:35 (approx)

## Officers

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

## Attendees (25)

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*Quorum attained!*

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Shawn McGee (KJ5HBA)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)

- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Kimber Pfeil 🐾

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Game watch party in the front room
- Elections today!
- Update on teacher request for gave presentation on amateur radio
  - Tom Talley (W5XTT) offered to do so
  - Yesterday, Friday 2025-12-19
  - Reported that it went very well
  - Potential opportunity for amateur radio club at the school
- Next meeting will be our January luncheon
  - 2026-01-17 11:00
  - Cooper's Old Time Pit BBQ, 3055 Earl Rudder Fwy S, College Station [[Google Maps](#)]
  - Llano room

### Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Field Day committee meetings underway
- Still have room for volunteers if anyone would like to help out
- Tentative schedule to be finalized before next meeting
- License exam on Sunday this time
- We'll be starting operations Saturday 13:00 and wrapping up Sunday 13:00
  - Even though official hours go Saturday 10:00 to Sunday 16:00
- Lorna's holiday party was great!

### Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Apologies for the trouble with Listserv
  - Working on it

## 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: \$11,932.66
- Income: \$396.48
  - Club build: \$261.25
  - Donations: \$875.00
  - Dues: \$30.00
  - Interest Income: \$36.48
  - VE fees: \$60.00
- Disbursements: \$590.16
  - Club build: \$356.57
  - Club swag: \$43.49
  - SK sales (postage): \$130.10
  - VE fees to ARRL: \$60
- Ending balance: \$11,738.98

## Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 2026 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

Many folks have membership renewals coming up

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

Dues are still:

- \$15 normally
- \$20 family
- \$5 student

## Other Business

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### Brazos County ARES

*Ron Hambric (N5SBN)*

- [Friday CEOC visits](#) suspended until after New Year's

### Robertson County ARES

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Jan 10 09:30
- Fire station in Franklin
- Don't have to be ARES member to attend
- Previous meeting via Zoom
  - Presentation by Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- [Nets](#) Thursdays at 20:00 on W5KVN
  - Visitors welcome!

### Madison/Leon County ARES

- Planning to move Leon County HQ from one annex to the new annex
- Sometimes counties can be slow

### SKYWARN

*Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)*

- Working out VARA Winlink issues
  - N5BRZ-12 machine is down
  - N5BRZ-10 is still up (145.090 MHz)

# RACES

*Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)*

- CEOC
  - Building on what KJ5EF0 said, the power surge took out a bunch of other equipment
  - Damaged equipment is being replaced, but we hope there isn't anything we don't know about
- RELLIS updates
  - New ICOM IC-7100 online, on roof-mounted folded dipole
  - Yaesu DX-10 out there
  - 2 m & 440 MHz capability
  - 900 MHz repeater (range 8-9 mi) linked across the state

# Congratulations, Phil!

*Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)*

- Phil Gates (N5ZKF) is now officially retired!
- 50 years of paid employment
- It's a big change!

# CB Radio for Sale

*Jim Laird (KF5YY)*

- Contact me if interested

# Officer Elections

*And now, the event we've all been waiting for*

Results are unanimous:

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Congratulations to our "new" officers.

# Kolaches for Veteran's Coffee and Donuts

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- About once a quarter (every 5th Thursday), we buy kolaches for the Veteran's Coffee and Donuts event
- Last year we approved the budget for doing so, and we'd like to continue doing that this year
- Approved Amount (\$150 per event; \$600 for the year) is still sufficient for projected cost

**Motion by Ron Estes (KJ5EF0):**

*to approve the same amount (\$150 per event) for 2026*

*Seconded by Bill Preston (KZ3G).*

**Outcome:** *passes unanimously*

- The American Legion lets us have our meetings here for free
- They also don't charge us to use the facility for Field Day events, but we happily pay the cleaning fee.
- This is something nice we do for the Legion!

## Winter Field Day

*Bill Preston (KZ3G)*

- David Espinoza at the Whataburger on Rock Prairie is a great benefactor of the club
- We'll have breakfast sandwiches for folks setting up Winter Field Day!

## Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

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- If anyone needs help with anything please reach out to the club. You can contact any of the officers at:
  - [officers@w5bcs.radio](mailto:officers@w5bcs.radio)
- Visit us online at [w5bcs.radio](http://w5bcs.radio)

## Closing

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Door prize: K5DKB has a "73" whataburger table tent; goes to Garrett Martin (W5HVS)!

**Motion by Ron Estes (KJ5EF0):**

*to adjourn the meeting*

Seconded by *Brad Snyder (W5BLS)*.

**Outcome:** *passes unanimously*

## Next Meeting

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2026-01-17 11:00 at Cooper's Old Time Pit BBQ

## After-Meeting Show and Tell

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2 m CW operations with an HT radio by David Bailey (K5DKB)