

Feb 2026 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2026-02-21

convened

09:34

adjourned

10:56

Officers

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

Attendees (24)

Quorum attained!

- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Gabriel Rodriguez (AI5TN)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Jim Hanks Jr. (W5CYN)

- Steven Payne (AA5BX)
- Jeff French (KM5TW)
- Philip Gutierrez
- Mark Zimmerman (N5NBD)
- Michael Wright
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Weather delays in getting stuff to Lorna from Winter Field Day
- Pet vaccination clinic going on down the hall
- Two requests for financial support:
 - American Legion Girls' State
 - Navasota High School Robotics Club
- Antenna rotor needs repair
- Radio in the Park is coming up
 - Another POTA activation?
- Plans for May's club meeting

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- It was *really* cold (and icy) at Winter Field Day
 - but nice and warm inside
- Crowd was limited due to weather
- Canceled license exam (first time we've ever done so)
- 3 great presentations
- Lost and found: if you left something at Winter Field Day, I have it
- Some technical difficulties (due to ice and malfunctions)
 - Antenna rotor needs attention (as mentioned)

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Reports that minutes aren't being received by some people
- Puzzling that others are

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$13,174.96
- Income: \$535.03
 - Club dues
 - Interest income
 - \$224 - Silent key sales through eBay
- Disbursements: \$548.89
 - \$117.15 - Kolache (5th) Thursday / Veteran's Coffee
 - Special thanks to the 5 club members who attended!
 - \$409.79 - Winter Field Day expenses (printing, food, American Legion Post)
- Ending balance: \$13,161.10

American Legion Auxiliary Thank-you

- We donated \$475 to sponsor a young lady for Girls' State

Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 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

Requests for Donation

- We have two requests for funding totaling \$1,250.

- Both great opportunities that align with our club
- Great ways to let young people know that Ham Radio is still around

American Legion Auxiliary Girls' State

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Leadership, democratic processes,
 - Held at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin
- We supported one girl last year for \$475
 - Cost this year is \$550
- Our meeting space is the Auxiliary's room free of charge
- This is a worthwhile program to sponsor
- It's also a way of saying "thank you" for letting us meet here

Motion by Brad Snyder (W5BLS):

to donate \$550 to sponsor a girl for Girls' State

Seconded by Ken Wilson (KE5DFR).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Navasota High School Robotics Club

Tom Talley (W5XTT), proxy David Bailey (K5DKB)

- W5XTT is a sponsor of the robotics club
- Went to state last year
- In serious need of "a limelight 400 camera with integrated AI image detection module"
 - current equipment operates at 20 fps and is not adequate for this year's competition
 - in addition to other hardware
- Asking \$700 (costs \$631 on website, probably extra equipment)

Motion by Brad Snyder (W5BLS):

to donate \$700 to support Navasota High School Robotics Club

Seconded by Gabriel Rodriguez (AI5TN).

Discussion

- KZ3G: We should invite them to come demonstrate their work.
- KE5DFR: from wife's experience, supplies are hard to come by, and funds usually come out of teachers' pockets.

- This would have a large impact on the people involved.
- It would also be great publicity for the club.

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Antenna Rotor

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- The old rotor is broken, but we have a new one already
 - Yaesu G1000 SDX
 - Yaesu GS0-50 Thrust bearing
- Need a group to get together to swap out the parts
 - Maybe 4 people and a few hours
 - I'm unfamiliar with how this works
- (show of hands) - about 6 people expressing interest
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB) will need to be involved since it's on his property.
- KI5FIZ: is there any equipment that we'll need?
- K5DKB: forming an Antenna Repair Committee
 - Headed by: Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
 - Members:
 - John Walker (W1JCW)
 - Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
 - Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
 - Gabriel Rodriguez (AI5TN)
 - Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
 - Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
 - Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
 - Bill Preston (KZ3G)
 - Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
 - Put together a budget to present at next club meeting
 - Potential equipment:
 - 150 ft rotor cable (\$255)
 - Or build our own; just need cable connectors
 - Just needs to be ready by Field Day

Estate Donations to GI Museum

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Two military-related items from Ernie's estate that have not sold at both Field Days
- Tube tester and battery charger

- Donated to GI museum
- Other estate-related items:
 - Free lithium iron phosphate batteries on table if you want them
 - They appear unused
 - Can't sell on eBay
 - Oscilloscope
 - going up on eBay unless someone wants it (for \$200)
 - KZ3G is interested

Planning for May Meeting

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Does anyone have an alternate location for our May meeting?
 - American Legion is not available 2026-05-16
- Ideas:
 - American Red Cross
 - CEOC - this seems like fun!

April Radio in the Park

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Last October, we did POTA at Washington on the Brazos
- Had about 20 folks there
- W5BCS has officially activated its first park
- Amenities at Washington on the Brazos are no longer free (\$10/person?)
- Do we want to do another POTA activation for Spring event?
- Park ideas
 - Fanthorpe Inn
 - Sam Houston National Forest
 - No facilities
 - El Camino Real picnic area in Cook's Point
 - No facilities
 - Convenience store close by
 - *(this seems to be the favorite)*
- This would be another divergence from tradition
 - (good interest from club members present)

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 Ron Estes (KJ5EF0):

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Brad Snyder (W5BLS).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2026-03-21 09:30 at American Legion Post 159

After-Meeting Presentation

TinyGS by David Bailey (K5DKB) Postponed to next meeting (running late and need to clear out for Exam session)