

Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of the Board on January 22, 2017

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by president George Tippet, WB5PKK, at 1915. 8 Persons present.

Minutes of the meeting:

1. It is proposed to have in-person board meetings ONCE PER QUARTER , and miscellaneous board meetings in between via telephone conference call (free and easy). Teleconference Board Meetings for NON-BINDING voting ONLY.

As a Board of Directors we propose to meet 1 time per quarter with additional meetings to fill in on the months without a First Monday Meeting due to holidays. Motion made by Dan Vandervort, AD5NW, Seconded by Martin Wade, N5PZJ. 7-0 Motion Carries.

2. It is proposed to limit discussion on New and Old Business items at General Membership meetings to three minutes per person, one person at a time. President to appoint a time keeper each meeting to assist.

After discussion by the Board, the time limit was proposed to be 5 Minutes per speaker, Motion made to adopt by Martin Wade, N5PZJ, seconded by Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP vote was 5-2, motion carries.

3. Decide whether to replace three bad 82 amp-hr batteries at Theriot.
 - a) 80 amp-hr Duracell AGM w/ 1 year warranty = \$159.95 (was \$189.95)
 - b) 82 amp-hr Duracell AGM w/ 3 year warranty = \$184.95 (was \$214.99)

Discussion was made on whether or not we need to replace the batteries at this time, Motion to defer buying any batteries at this time by Martin Wade, N5PZJ, seconded by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM motion carries 7-0.

4. Need an AGREEMENT between TARC and BRARS (free). Merger too costly, \$650 filing fees alone.

We discussed the cost and benefits of Merger and how we can operate both organizations under ONE group, a motion was made to operate with BRARS to operate by agreement as the charitable arm of Thibadaux Amateur Radio Club, INC. Motion made by Martin Wade, N5PZJ, seconded by Tony Whitney KG5FVG, motion carries 7-0.

5. Nominate "Property Officer" for General Membership vote. OR, since this position not in By-Laws, delete Property Officer position and use "Inventory Spreadsheet"

The position is to be eliminated and a spreadsheet instituted, we will have the president in charge of the spreadsheet with any property "Borrowed" shall be signed out by the member in question to improve accountability. Motion by Bob Strada, KF5NSM, seconded by Tony Whitney, KG5FVG, motion carries 7-0.

6. Ideas were solicited from the group, ideas discussed were:

- A. Write a Proposal for a Cargo Trailer for the club.
- B. Fund raising, Mike will explore for some grants.
- C. ILRP installation to be expanded.
- D. 440 repeater is up and running, looking for permanent home.
- E. March meeting to have a presentation by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM.

Old Business:

. Let the membership at a regular meeting decide to continue or discontinue the Half and Half drawing,

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 2030 hours by Dan Vandervort, AD5NW, seconded by Tony Whitney, KG5FVG. Motion carried.

Martin D. Wade, N5PZJ, Secretary