

# Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting May 04, 2015

### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, at 1932.

### Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting were read by Bob Strada, KF5NSM. Motion by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, seconded by Martin Wade, N5PZJ, to accept the minutes as read. Motion Carried.

### Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report was read by Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP. The details of the Treasury Report will be available to club members only. Motion by Joe Colson, K5MKC, seconded by John Welch, AD5YP, to accept the Treasury Report. Motion Carried. And the Club has 55 paid members.

### Repeater Report:

The Repeater Report was presented by Mike Robichaux, with the following details:

**147.300:** Rocking and Rolling. The new Yaesu Repeater is up and running. The tower climb was completed with the new antenna installed. The old antenna was removed and will be repaired for possible future use.

**147.330:** Nothing reported.

**147.390:** The noise problem was discussed, but not a problem at this time.

**444.500:** Still Out of Service. Nothing new reported.

### Activities Report:

Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, reported that our Family Day, which was scheduled for 4/18/2015, was rained out. The possibility of having Family Day take place with Field Day, June 27 & 28, was discussed. And Richard will check with Earl Eues about setting up a BBQ pit under the back covered area and that will be a little fund raiser for the club. Radios at the EOC are working properly. Also a beam antenna was discussed and Joe Colson offered the use of his sons News Media Van, for possible antenna placement. And again, Field Day will take place on June 27 & 28 at the EOC.

### Net Report:

Mike Robichaux reported an average of 18 check-ins on most nets, including check-ins through the 146.82 Repeater link in New Orleans. The possibility of moving the ARES Net to the 147.300 Repeater was mentioned.

### **Newsletter Report:**

Mike Robichaux reported that the TARC, hasn't had a newsletter report for several years and with the majority of club members having internet, social media and the like, Club information can be obtained through the Club Webpage. The link to [giveNOLA.org](http://giveNOLA.org) was brought up by Richard Barrett.

### **Old Business:**

Funds for the 147.300 Repeater were received from different sources. And the funds remaining in the account will be used to purchase batteries for the battery back-up system. George Tippet, WB5PKK, found 82 amp/hour batteries at a cost of \$159.00 each. The price will be good till 5/31/2015. The purchase of a battery box, at a cost of \$150.00 was reported by George also. The approximate cost of the batteries, battery box, charger and shipping would total between \$1,200.00 and \$1,300.00. Motion made by George Tippet, seconded by Richard Barrett. Motion carried.

Discussion to accept a solar panel from Joe Colson for back-up to the charging system was made by Don Bardwell, seconded by Martin Wade. Motion Carried.

Discussion about [giveNOLA.org](http://giveNOLA.org) day was brought up by Mike Robichaux and George Tippet and took place on 5/5/2015.

### **New Business:**

Mike Robichaux mentioned that Ron Nelson, WB5ANG, has stepped down as Club Secretary. Bob Strada, KF5NSM, assumed the Secretary position temporarily. John Welch, AD5YP, made a motion to appoint Bob as permanent Secretary until 12/31/2015. Seconded by Dan Vandervort, AD5NW. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Club insurance and a motion by Don Bardwell to pay the insurance premium as long as the price and coverage remained the same. Seconded by Charlie Winder, K5FNW. Motion carried.

Discussion on payment of the Post Office Box rental fee. Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM, already paid that bill.

Discussion on the Board of Directors meeting that took place 4/18/2015. Lifetime Membership was discussed at this meeting. Presently, a \$200.00 fee for the Lifetime Membership until 12/31/2015. Also mentioned was the fact that club members have made equipment donations in excess of \$200.00 to the club. The Board of Directors voted to make a Bi-laws change to read, starting in 01/01/2016, the fee for lifetime membership will be \$250.00. Also the meeting times would be moved from 1930 hours to 1915 hours starting with the June 2, 2015 meeting. And the BOD voted to grant George Tippet, WB5PKK, a lifetime membership for the equipment donations he made to the club. Also discussed by the BOD was to add two additional members to the BOD which are the Radio Officer and the Activities Officer. These additions will bring the total officers to the BOD to nine (9) Officers, thus eliminating a split vote. The BOD also discussed the use of electronic means to vote on any emergency items. A vote was made to have an emergency BOD meeting to be seventy-two (72) hours. And an emergency general meeting was left at the current period of ten (10) days.

Motion by Don Bardwell, Seconded by Richard Barrett, to move the club meeting time from 1930 to 1915 hours. Motion carried.

Richard Barrett mentioned he had been approached about having another class for new comers to Amateur Radio. He would teach the class at the North Terrebonne Parish Library starting on 05/09/2015.

50/50 Raffle won by Dan Vandervort;

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 2035 hours, by Richard Barrett, seconded by Joe Colson. Motion carried

Robert R. Strada  
Secretary TARC