

# Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting December 7, 2015

### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, at 1915. 16 Persons present.

### Minutes of the last meeting:

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

### Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report was read by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM. Motion by Bob Strada, KF5NSM, seconded by Jimmy Theriot, KG5JIM, to accept the Treasury Report. Motion Carried. And the Club has 64 paid members. Details of the Treasurer's Report may be requested by sending an email to w5yl.thibodaux.arc@gmail.com.

### Repeater Report:

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

**147.300:** No Issues new noted.

**147.330:** Out of Service. Nothing new reported.

**147.390:** Had Controller issues, upgraded the software.

**444.500:** Repeater and location to install into service being scoped out tentatively.

**HMA DIGIPEATER:** In Elias Possession, will look at putting Back in Service with APRS.

### Activities Report:

The activities report made by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ with The Christmas Party is planned for Plantation Inn for December 21, 2015 AT 6:30 pm, all are invited. Hamfests are planned on Jan 16 at Hammond, Louisiana and Jan 29 at Jackson, MS 8am to 4 pm. Richard discussed having a licensing class on a weekend after the New Year early in 2016, he solicited comments on the type and format of the session..

### Net Report:

Mike Robichaux reported an average of 13-15 check-ins on most nets. Santa Clause net to be held close to Christmas.

## Newsletter Report:

TARC hasn't had a newsletter report for several years because of the internet. Club information can be obtained through the Club Webpage, looking to blog on the website.

## Old Business:

### NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS:

President-	Michael Robichaux, KC5OKP
	Emil Blanchard, KG5FCB Withdrawn
Vice PRES-	George Tippett, WB5PKK
Secretary-	Martin Wade, N5PZJ
Treasurer-	Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM
Activities-	Richard Barrett, N5OEQ
Radio Officer-	Dallas Istre, KG5BIS Withdrawn Replaced by John Welch AD5YP
-	Michael Robichaux, KC5OKP Withdrawn Replaced by John Welch AD5YP
1. Trustee-	Dan Vandervort, AD5NW
2. Trustee-	Joe Colson, K5MKC
3. Trustee	Bob Strada, KF5NSM

Elections were held and the following officers were elected:

President: Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP Motion to elect by acclamation by Don Bardwell, WA5PRI, Seconded by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, unanimous.

V. President: George Tippett, WB5PKK Motion to elect by acclamation by Dan Vandervort, AD5NW, Seconded by Joe Colson, Sr., K5MKC, unanimous.

Secretary Martin D. Wade, N5PZJ, KC5OKP Motion to elect by acclamation by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, John Welch, AD5YP, unanimous.

Treasurer Francis X. Boudreaux, WD5CFM, Motion to elect by acclamation by Dan Vandervort, AD5NW, Seconded by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, unanimous.

Radio Officer John Welch, AD5YP, Motion to elect by acclamation by Martin Wade, N5PZJ, Seconded by Bob Strada, KF5NSM, unanimous.

Activities Chairman: Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, Motion to elect by acclamation by Bob Strada, KF5NSM, Seconded by Tony White, KG5FVG, unanimous.

A point of order was brought into the discussion about the number and qualifications of the Trustees by Mr. Don Bardwell, WA5PRI and Martin Wade, N5PZJ. The point of order was regarding the number of permissible board of directors members and their term of office, i.e., the bylaws calls for 4 Trustees whereas the Charter has provision for only 3 board members. Motion made and accepted to open this in new business and defer the election of trustees until January Meeting to clear up some by-law issues.

Also a point of order was made for the qualifications for the Ham of the Year Award.

**New Business:**

**1. Need to Change the by-laws to read:**

**SECTION 2:**

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The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **THREE (3)** at-large members. The at-large members shall be elected for **THREE (3)** year terms. The terms of the at-large members shall be staggered so that one (1) at-large member is elected each year with exception of filling a vacancy. An at-large member may also be an Officer of the Club. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year. The officers of the Organization shall serve as corresponding officers of the Board of Directors.

The Registered Agents shall be selected from Board of Directors, one shall be a resident of Lafourche Parish and one shall be from Terrebonne Parish.

The term of office for all Officers and Directors shall be from January 1 to December 31 with elections held in December at The Annual General Election Meeting.

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers and agents as it shall deem necessary, who shall hold their offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors not to exceed (1) One year with all terms expiring on December 31 of the calendar year.

**2. Section 19 shall read:**

SECTION 19 HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

**The membership at the time of the general elections shall name a member of the club to be awarded** the JAMES D. VERRET HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD. The recipient shall be announced in December at the Christmas Party or the first regular meeting in January. This award is named for the first recipient of the award, JAMES D. VERRET, K5JKR, who passed away in 1986.

Motion to vote on these amendments at the January made by Don Bardwell, WA5PRI and Seconded ;by Martin D. Wade, N5PZJ to amend the By-Laws and hold the election for at large directors and to fix their terms.

Follow up on Special Event for the RV show to be held in January 2016 in Houma..

No 50/50 Raffle was held at this meeting.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business a Motion to adjourn at 2055 hours by Martin Wade N5PZJ, seconded by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM.

Martin D. Wade, N5PZJ  
Secretary