

Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club

Meeting August 3, 2015

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, at 1921. 14 Persons present.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the JULY 6, 2015 meeting were read by Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, with a Motion by Jerry Bergeron, KC5MSI, seconded by Jimmy Theriot, KG5HYJ, to accept the minutes as read. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report was read by Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP. Motion by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, seconded by Russell Derouen, NR5C, to accept the Treasury Report. Motion Carried. And the Club has 4 new members for a total of 67 paid members. The Treasurers Report is available upon written request to w5yl.thibodaux.arc@gmail.com.

Repeater Report:

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

147.300: IRLP and Echolink back in operation with a toned system. Possibly adding Allstar capabilities. Possible move into new building at site to be discussed under New Business

147.330: Out of Service. Nothing new reported.

147.390: No issues, new battery working well within existing bank

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

Activities Report:

The activities report made by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, according to the following:
Hope to have Thomas Lyons speak at October meeting. There will be no September meeting.
Dinner Meeting for August at Plantation Inn, Houma

Net Report:

Mike Robichaux reported 22 check-ins even with no link into 146.82 in New Orleans.

Newsletter Report:

Mike Robichaux reported: No newsletter. Consult webpage, facebook, twitter, and emails for news.

Old Business:

Equipment Insurance discussed in detail. Annual premium is approx. \$225 to cover ALL equipment at both repeater sites. Discussed whether to cover just antenna, feedline, and climb for two repeaters for approx. \$130 annual premium. The club may need to increase dues to cover the cost. Don Bardwell, WA5PRI, moved to increase dues to \$30, seconded by Dan Vandervort, AD5NW. However, a motion was then made by Don Bardwell, WA5PRI, to table the original motion, seconded by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ. Motion carried to table the original motion. Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, directed the Secretary to send out letter to club membership about probable vote on dues increase at October meeting.

New Business:

Dallas Istre, KG5BIS, suggested we name standing committee to facilitate fundraising events besides GiveNOLA Day. Don Bardwell, WA5PRI, motioned that Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, should name said committee. Motion was seconded by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ. Motion carried. Mike to decide on committee membership by October.

Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, said club is considering options of moving into new Cat 5 rated "Nextel Bldg" at 147.300 site. Will discuss further at October meeting.

Bob Strada, KF5NSM, donated three un-used 100 amp-hour batteries to the club. They will either be added to 147.300 for extra capacity or worked into 147.390 bank to replace old ones.

NOTE: We neglected to vote to fill vacancy on TARC/BRARS board. We should complete this action item under Old Business at October meeting.

There was no 50/50 Raffle.

PROGRAM

George Tippett, WB5PKK, gave a presentation on Solar Activity and Ham Radio.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 2037 hours by Dan Vandervort, AD5NW, seconded by Joe Colson, K5MKC. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by George Tippett, WB5PKK

In the absence of:

Martin D. Wade, N5PZJ

Secretary