

# Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club (BRARS) Meeting NOV 7, 2016

## Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, at 1920. 16 Persons present.

## Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the August 2016 meeting which were dispensed with by motion by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, seconded by Sam Rock, K5MOB. Motion Carried.

## Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report was given by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM for the October and November are attached hereto and were accepted as read with by motion, by Martin Wade, N5PZJ, seconded by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ. Motion Carried.

## Repeater Report:

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

**147.300:** OK.

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

**147.390:** Loose tape on tower and other items to be looked at? **Waiting on Certs.\***

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

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

\*Sam Rock, K5MOB, did make an offer to climb the towers as a professional tower climber and will work to get us a copy of his insurance and certificates for approval by the tower companies mentioned at Oct 2016 Business meeting..

## Activities Report:

Eating Meeting be worked out by Louise Boudreaux, KA5WSC on Monday, November 21, 2016.

ARES SET went well, action report waiting on paperwork.

Christmas Party at the Plantation Inn in Houma, LA.

## Net Report:

Mike Robichaux reported an average of 10 check-ins on most nets.

## Newsletter Report:

TARC hasn't had a newsletter report for several years because of the internet. Club information is found on the website WWW.W5YL.ORG

## Old Business:

A follow up on the October Items and rules for the Club Repeater and Club Discipline.

1. First, the 3 Duties of a Non Profit were Expounded upon:
  - a. Duty to Care
  - b. Duty of Obedience
  - c. Duty of Loyalty
2. Follow-up on the Radio complaints and how we as a club must adhere to certain item in order to have a valid complaint/resolution. Secrecy of Investigation and Parties to be discussed only in Executive Session with the person being discussed must be notified.

## New Business:

Repeater Decorum Rules were discussed at the BOD Meeting on 10/21/16 and the following were adopted and added to the By-Laws

1. The following article was read and presented, motion by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, Seconded by Sam Rock, K5MOB, passed on 9 yeas, 2 neys and the Article 27 is adopted:

### Article (27)

- 1. No cursing or profanity on the repeaters or TARC/BRARS equipment will be tolerated.**
- 2. Allow a party or parties to break into a normal QSO with the customary "break" request. Party or parties requesting the break into the normal QSO conversation should limit the interruption to an immediate need only allowing the normal QSO to continue as soon as possible.**
- 3. Conversations will not be allowed that are by nature, prejudicial, derogatory or defamatory toward others and those whom may be listening. Specifically, to berate, denounce with hateful intent, or use pejorative language, directed at any social group and or person(s), for their political, religious, or personal beliefs, is not permitted on TARC/BRARS repeaters or via any club station/equipment.**
- 4. FCC part 97 under CFR 47 rules shall apply in their entirety to the use of TARC/BRARS repeaters and stations. All part 97 legal benefits are enjoyed by the users and listeners to our repeater system. Violations of any of these rules shall also be grounds for sanctions up to and including banishment and/or expulsion from the organization.**

## **Enforcement of Code of Conduct**

**FCC part 97 rules shall apply in their entirety to the use of TARC/BRARS repeaters and stations. All part 97 legal benefits are enjoyed by the users and listeners to our repeater system. If any repeater/equipment user is heard violating this code of conduct, **be it club member or public user**, an on-air warning and request to immediately desist may be issued as appropriate. Any operator may give this warning, however, this matter should be reported to the Radio Officer of the organization.**

**If this action is willfully persistent and the continuing violations by any club member are believed to hold merit, an inquiry shall be held by the Board of TARC/BRARS as initiated by the Radio Officer, the member will be formally notified by US MAIL, First Class Postage paid mail informing them of the continued infraction. Notification shall include a copy of this document. The aggrieved party may request a hearing by certified mail within 30 days of receiving the letter.**

**This notice shall serve as a formal warning, if the user is heard on further separate instances willfully violating the Code of Conduct, such instances will result in being sanctioned by certified mail to prevent use of any and all TARC repeaters and equipment and may be expelled from the organization as per Article 28. The aggrieved party may request a hearing by certified mail within 30 days of receiving the letter sent to the address so noted.**

**Any non-member user of the Repeater(s) not being a member of the organization, then he or she not belonging to the club may be enjoined by a cease and desist letter without any notice banning said user from using the repeater as per CFR Title 47 Part 97:205(e).**

2. The following article was read and presented, motion by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, Seconded by Sam Rock, K5MOB, passed on 9 yeas, 2 neys and the Article 28 is adopted:

### **ARTICLE (28)\_ - Expulsion**

**Any member whose conduct is judged not to be in keeping with the purposes, aims, and best interests of TARC/BRARS may be expelled after a due hearing through the affirmative vote of a (3/4) Three-fourths of the board of directors, a notice of the charge(s) shall be posted by registered mail to the member by the secretary. The member will be given a period of thirty days after a charge has been posted to answer the allegations before the hearing. A vote of the Board of Directors shall be taken before the expulsion can be in effect. Said meeting can either be held as an open meeting or in executive session at the request of the said member. All rights and privileges of an expelled member shall be terminated immediately after expulsion. Reinstatement of an expelled member cannot occur until at least one year has elapsed from the date of the expulsion and the application for readmission has been approved by the board of directors by a (2/3) Two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.**

3. The following article was read and presented, motion by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, Seconded by Norman Johnson, Jr., KG5MHY, passed on 9 yeas, 2 nays and the Article 29 is adopted:

**ARTICLE (29) Suspension**

**Suspension of membership will result when a member's dues are three (3) months delinquent. All dues are due and payable on January 1 of each year. After March 31, a member is considered delinquent and will be dropped from the active roster, and will forfeit all privileges of membership. Reinstatement may be effected by submitting a completed renewal form and dues. A member who has not timely paid his or her dues shall be in suspension and may not vote or hold any office until said suspension is rectified. Any member who has been approved for membership previously may renew his or her membership by paying his or her dues, no vote of the Membership shall be necessary for readmission.**

4. The following article was read and presented, motion by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, Seconded by Jerry Bergeron, KC5MSI, passed on 9 yeas, 2 nays and the Article 30 is adopted:

**Article (30) Resignation**

**Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the secretary. A verbal declaration made to any three members of the Board of Directors shall serve as a resignation as noted and signed by the three Board Members and filed with the secretary. Resignation shall not relieve a member of unpaid dues, or other charges previously accrued. Any member who resigns from membership may be reinstated to membership only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.**

5. The following article was read and presented, motion by Martin Wade, N5PZJ, Seconded by Sam Rock, K5MOB, passed on 9 yeas, 2 nays and the Article 12 is amended and adopted:

**SECTION 12**

**1. These by-laws may be changed by an affirmative vote of the membership present at any meeting of the Corporation.**

**2. The Location or method of holding the Annual Meeting shall not be changed and take effect until (1) One Year from the date of said vote.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 OFFICERS:**

**PRESIDENT :**

- 1. RICHARD BARRETT, N5OEQ**
- 2. SHARNELL BLANCHARD, KG5FCB**
- 3. DALLAS ISTRE, KC5DI**

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

- 1. JIMMY THERIOT, KG5GYM**
- 2. SHARNELL BLANCHARD, KG5FCB**
- 3. DALLAS ISTRE, KC5DI**

**SECRETARY:**

- 1. MERIAM EVERHART (BARRETT), KG5BNH**

**TREASURER:**

- 1. FRANCIS BOUDREAUX, WD5CFM**

**ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN:**

- 1. RICHARD BARRETT, N5OEQ**
- 2. DALLAS ISTRE, KC5DI**
- 3. NICHOLAS THIBODAUX, KG5GVX**

**RADIO OFFICER:**

- 1. MICHAEL ROBICHAUX, KC5OKP**

**TRUSTEE 1 YEAR:**

- 1. SAM ROCK, K5MOB**

**TRUSTEE 2 YEAR:**

- 1. DAN VANDERVORT, AD5NW**

**TRUSTEE 3 YEAR:**

- 1. ROBERT STRADA, KF5NSM**

Election to be held at the next meeting.  
No 50/50 Raffle

Motion to adjourn meeting by Martin Wade, N5PZJ, seconded by Nicholas Thibodeaux, KG5GVZ, unanimous acclamation , meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Martin D. Wade, N5PZJ  
Secretary