

**THIBODAUX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. & BAYOU REGION AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.**

**OCTOBER 5, 2015 7pm NORTH TERREBONNE LIBRARY, GRAY, LA.**

Meeting opened by Michael Robichaux, KC5OKP, and introductions were held with 17 persons in attendance.

Minutes from the August 3, 2015 meeting were read by Mike Robichaux KC5OKP with a motion by Bob Strada KF5NSM to accept as read, seconded by Nick Thibodeaux KG5GVX, Unanimous vote by those present. Note, there was no meeting in September due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday of the Month.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM gave the September and October reports. The Club has 68 members as of the close of this meeting. The motion was made by Martin Wade, N5PZJ to accept the report, seconded by Ron Nelson WB5ANG and was adopted by Unanimous vote by those present. The Treasurers Report is available upon written request to w5yl.thibodaux.arc@gmail.com.

**REPEATER REPORT:**

Mike Robichaux KC5OKP gave the group a rundown on the interference issues on the repeaters:

**147.300-** Used 10 db attenuator with some success in limiting interference. So a duplexer which we used as a filter was installed providing good results to date. This duplexer provides >55 db attenuation in the 700 MHz band. A >70db actual notch filter would cost over \$400, so we hope we don't need one that strong.

**147.390-** A unit similar to the one installed at 147.300 was installed at this site with successful reports to date. This unit blocks the FM Commercial Broadcast Band by >55 db.

Mr. Jerry Falgout, WB5UEW was noted for his repeater and he invited all the Amateurs to feel free to use it.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Dues increase to \$30 per year was discussed and Tabled Indefinitely by motion made Martin Wade N5PZJ and seconded by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM by a vote of acclamation.

To bring our board up to full contingent, it was proposed to add another person to the Board of Directors to replace Martin Wade N5PZJ who as Board Member had stepped up and taken the Secretary Position and left the organization with 8 board members so volunteers were asked for to stand for election, Bob Strada KF5NSM was proposed and with no other candidates, nominations were closed and Bob Strada was elected by unanimous vote to the board.

The Fundraising committee gave their report and will send out an email detailing their proposals. A scrap drive, hamfest and seasonal sales were mentioned along with a Raffle.

The discussion on the Insurance Coverage was held. It cost 225 dollars a year to cover the \$8000 and just 120 dollars a year to cover the antenna and hard line. A motion to pass the 120 dollar a year proposal was made by George Tippet, WB5PKK and seconded by Jerry Bergeron, KC5MSI passed 16 to 1 Nay. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A letter was read from Donald Bardwell, WA5PRI, detailing that he wanted the club to elect a New License Trustee in the upcoming election for officers.

Half and Half was won by Jimmy Riley KG5FCA, \$25 which he invested in a membership!!!

Meeting closed at 8:35 PM by Motion to adjourn by Martin Wade, N5PZJ seconded by George Tippet WB5PKK motion carries unanimous.