

Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
February 5, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President George Tippett, WB5PKK, at 7:10 p.m. followed by an introduction of the 17 participants present.

Report of the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting

The report of the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting was read by acting secretary Don Bardwell, WA5PRI. (See attached)

Minutes of the Last Meeting

A reading of the minutes of the December 4, 2017 was dispensed with on a motion by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ second by Jimmy Theriot, KG5JIM. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Read by Treasurer Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM. (See attached)

Committee Reports

a. Net Report

Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP reported there have been 7 to 8 check-ins for each net.

b. Repeater Report

Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP reported that the computer controller for the 39 repeater was replaced. The batteries for the 30 repeater need replacement but because of the presence of a generator and the uncertainty of the tower policy under new ownership replacement should be delayed. The 440 repeater is on the air but is not functioning as desired due to the low antenna.

Richard Barrett, N5OEQ reported that dealings with American Tower, owners of the 30 tower, should be left to Terrebonne Parish Communications Center as our operation will be considered under them.

c. Activity Report

Richard Barrett, N5OEQ reported that the club social on Monday, February 19, 2018 will be held at Rotolo's at 6:30 p.m. Richard also reported that he contacted carnival clubs to see if they would like our support in communications. They were not for liability reasons.

President Tippett stated that there would be another Board Meeting on Saturday, February 17th at 2 p.m. at the library.

- d. Election of New Applicants to Club Membership
Mike StPierre, KG5TGN and Mike Brennan, WB0LNS were elected to club membership on a motion by Miriam Barrett, KG5BNH second by Tony Whitney, KG5FVG.
- e. Other Reports or Announcements
President Tippett reported that Richard Barrett, N5OEQ was elected as the 2017 Ham of the Year. This report was greeted with applause.

Old Business

- a. Minutes of November Meeting
The minutes of the November 6, 2017 were read as required at the December meeting. They were approved on a motion by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFH second by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ.
- b. President to Appoint Parliamentarian
President Tippett appointed Don Bardwell, WA5PRI as parliamentarian with Robert Strada, KF5NSM as backup. This appointment was affirmed by a motion by Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP second by Jimmy Theriot, KG5JIM.
- c. Half and Half
Motion: The Half & Half fundraiser will be instituted again at general meetings of the club at \$1 per ticket. Participation is not required. (KG5JIM/KF5NSM) Motion Passed.

New Business

Motion: Each General Meeting shall be opened with a pledge of allegiance to the United States of America immediately following the call to order. (KG5TGN/WB0LNS) Motion passed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Presentation: "Pneumatic Antenna Launcher" by Norman Johnson, KG5MHY

These Minutes were written by Vice President Don Barwell, WA5PRI, in absence of Secretary, Martin Wade, N5PZJ