

Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club
Bayou Region Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of Meeting
July 1, 2019

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by president George Tippet WB5PKK.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
The pledge of allegiance to the United States of America was led by Norman Johnson Jr., KG5MHY.
- III. Introduction of Members Present
Seventeen attendees introduced themselves.
- IV. Reading of Minutes of June 2019 General Membership Business Meeting
The minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting were read by Don Bardwell WA5PRI and approved (KF5NSM/KC5OKP).
- V. Treasurer's Report
The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Francis Boudreaux WD5CFM indicating the only activity was payment of dues by one member.
- VI. Committee Reports – Each committee report was given by Michael Robichaux KC5OKP.
 - a. Net Report – There were 8 to 10 stations checking into the nets. Several new net control stations will be calling the nets in the immediate future.
 - b. Repeater Report – The 444.500 repeater has been off the air due to the location being used to test the 147.330 repeater. The repeaters on 147.30 and 147.39 are operating properly.
 - c. Activity Report
 1. Field Day Debriefing – The Field Day operation was held as planned at the Houma City Park near the airbase from 1 to 7 p.m., however the operation was smitten with problems. There were a total of 23 contacts made from the station. The good news is the new generator was used and ran properly and there was good comradery among attendees. During the discussion the need of redundancy of equipment in future operations was made.
 2. Third Monday Dinner – The next Third Monday Dinner will be held at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Houma.
 3. Reminder of Amazon Smile – Mike reminded members to use the Amazon Smile program when making purchases at Amazon.com. Thus far our club has earned \$47 through the smile program which is the equivalent of at least two members paying dues in the club. George WB5PKK reinforced this idea and instructed members to use smile.amazon.com to make purchases through the Smile program.
- VII. Old Business
There was no Old Business presented.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Election of New Applicants to Club Membership

Motion: Elect Ralph Griffin KI5AIN and Jon Collins (New Technician) to membership (KG5FVG/KF5NSM). Motion passed.

- b. Do we want to participate in Winter Field Day? (Jan 25-26, 2020)

George WB5PKK introduced the subject and informed the members about a planned Winter Field Day (January 25-26, 2020) by a ham group, not through ARRL. Much discussion followed concerning field day operations and needs. There was no vocal opposition to the idea of our club participating as a club in the planned Winter Field Day. President George WB5PKK appointed two committees to search for possible locations for a WFD operation. In Houma the committee will consist of George WB5PKK and Bob KF5NSM and in Thibodaux the committee will consist of Francis WD5CFM and Allen WB4YTG.

- c. Potential new installation of 147.330 (requires minimal to no funding).

The 147.330 is currently being tested in anticipation of finding a new location for installation.

- d. Mike KC5OKP reported on a movement in Europe to remove a portion of the 2 meter band from amateur service and dedicated to other applications.

- e. George WB5PKK proposed having a club Saturday breakfast once a month with the second Saturday as an acceptable day. The idea was generally accepted.

George stated that he would plan a breakfast for Saturday July 13th at 9 a.m. at the Plantation Inn.

- f. Bob Strada KF5NSM reminded the members of the Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net on 3935 khz. He stated he would be net control on Thursdays.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. (KB7ZMD/KG5MHY). Motion passed.

Following the meeting: Presentation by Don Bardwell, WA5PRI, on FCC Part 97 Update.

Don WA5PRI presented a program on operating in ways that advance Amateur Radio and enhance international good will. The presentation included the basis and purpose of amateur service as prescribed in Part 97 from the FCC. Don described the memorandum of understanding between the ARRL and FCC to form the Volunteer Monitor Program.

Minutes scribed by Don Bardwell (VP) in the absence of Martin Wade, Secretary