

Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club

Meeting November 6, 2017

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM, at 7:30PM

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the October 2017 meeting were read by Michael Robichaux, KC5OKP. Motion to accept made by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, seconded by Norman Johnson, KG5MHY, Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report:

Read by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM. (See attached), approved, Motion to accept made by Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, seconded by Norman Johnson, KG5MHY. Motion Carried.

Repeater Report:

1. Radio Officer, Mike Robichaux, KC5OKP, warned about breaking FCC rules on the repeaters by "broadcasting", i.e., making comments on a repeater without being in an active QSO with another ham operator.
2. Noted high current readings on battery bank in October at Theriot repeater. Will monitor and advise.

Net Report:

1. Five to six check-ins per TARC Net
2. Miriam Barrett, KG5BNH, got approval from the club to move the Tuesday night ARES Nets from 7PM to 8PM on the 39 repeater.

Activities Report:

1. NOLA Hamfest is this weekend.
2. Need location for November eating meeting.
3. In process of confirming location for Christmas Party.
4. Tech Training Classes canceled for lack of participation.

Newsletter Report:

TARC hasn't had a newsletter report for several years because of the internet. Club information can be obtained through the Club Webpage, looking to blog on W5yl.org, or the clubs Facebook account.

Old Business:

1. Repeater Committee is looking into converting an existing repeater or adding a new repeater to facilitate DMR digital mode.
2. Echolink re-activation on Theriot repeater delayed. Looking into using alternate opportunities to connect repeaters to the internet.

New Business:

1. Voted in three new club members.
2. Skywarn Class to be held Wednesday, November 8th, at The Terrebonne EOC in Gray, LA.
3. Richard Barrett, N5OEQ, proposed that the new president in 2018 name a Parliamentarian to help keep meetings on track.

4. Ed Morris, KZ5K, to look into conducting Morse Code Training for interested parties.
5. Club members voted via Private Ballot for Ham of the Year award which will be presented at the Christmas Party.
6. Members of the club nominated the following slate of candidates for election of officers for 2018:
 - A. President: George Tippet, WB5PKK
 - B. Vice-President: Don Bardwell, WA5PRI
 - C. Treasurer: Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM
 - D. Secretary: Martin Wade, N5PZJ
 - E. Radio Officer: Michael Robichaux, KC5OKP
 - F. Activities Chairman, Richard Barrett, N5OEQ
 - G. Board Member: Tony Whitney, KG5FVG
7. Since January 2018 business meeting falls on New Year's Day, we will have January business meeting at the third Monday Dinner Social meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM by Dan Vandervort, AD5NW, seconded by Tony Whitney, KG5VFG. Motion carried. Meeting closed by Francis Boudreaux, WD5CFM

Minutes taken and presented by George Tippet, WB5PKK