

LONGVIEW/EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Quinn, AA5CX at approximately 9:00 A. M.

The minutes of the January 15 meeting were read and approved.

A correction to the January Financial statement was discussed and the membership approved \$22.31 being deducted from the January bank balance resulting in a bank balance brought forward of \$3007.91.

President Jim Quinn presented a plaque to BP East Texas in appreciation of their material and financial support of LETARC and the East Texas ham radio community. Accepting on behalf of BP was Eric Sandvik KE5PTV, Ben Crochet KF5HDX, and Rod Bartlett N8QVR.

Todd Hoover N5TJH then presented the program which was a breakout session on defining and designing the optimal ham radio station. Four discussion groups developed ideas on the optimal station given a varying set of budget and space parameters. A discussion of the results was presented and will be forwarded to all members in the next newsletter.

Todd Hoover then presented a slide show of photos from the October JOTA event in Teague Park.

Business Meeting:

A discussion of the Equipment Loan Out Policy took place. The ELOP committee consisting of Jim Rogers N5VGQ, Cloys Tolbert K5CGT, and Tom Wilbeck N5KGN has begun the process of developing a policy. Topics discussed included places to store equipment, record keeping, inventory, keys responsibility, and storage lockers. The committee is now working on an inventory of equipment and its location. The committee will continue to develop a policy and inventory and present a progress report at next meeting.

An "elmering session" was discussed. The BOD will discuss this subject at next board meeting and present a recommendation to the membership for consideration.

A Swapmeet-Tailgate sale was discussed. A committee consisting of Richard Brown K5RRB, Jim Quinn AJ1MQ, Rod Bartlett N8QVR, and Todd Hoover N5TJH was appointed to explore all venues, prepare a plan and present a progress report at next meeting.

A need to clarify the Constitution and Bylaws was brought up and will taken up by the Board of Directors.

A request to place information about area nets on the Yahoo Group website was made. No action was taken.

A request was made to disseminate information concerning the ARRL National Convention being held this year in conjunction with HamCom.

Function and operation of the Wednesday night 2 meter net control operator was discussed. Topics such as roll call versus free for all, use of phonetics, possible training sessions for net control operators, portable, mobile or base operation , and ARRL News versus Radio Newline was discussed. No action was taken.

Adding a possible swapmeet section to the Wednesday night net was discussed. Replacing the Radio news once a month was discussed and will be taken up by the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting

It was announced that the free trailer from Hawkins is still available but no offers of a truck to pull it to Longview were extended.

The membership voted to hold the monthly Sunday evening dinner meeting at McAlister's at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 6, 2011.

It was decided by the membership to begin painting the exterior stairs at the Red Cross Building. Saturday, February 26 at 8:00 A.M was selected for those available to paint. In the event of rain , the event would be postponed until a later date.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Jim Quinn adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00 A.M.

Attendees

Joe Windham W5JDW

Rod Bartlett N8QVR

Tom Wilbeck N5KGN

Ben Crochet KF5HNX

Dean Patterson KE5AVH

Terry C. Johnson KG5WO

Jim Quinn AJ1MQ

Cory Ressler KC5RAV

Priscilla Quinn KE5VIK

Cloys Tolbert K5CGT

Doug Biles NK5X

Jerry Haigwood W5JH

Colin MacRury KE5QWN

Tom Nance KB5ZFS

Jim Rogers N5VGQ

Todd Hoover N5TJH

Dennis Smith WB5RSM

Richard Brown K5RRB

Weldon Pittman, Jr. KC5GQM

Robert Parham KD5OUF

Phil Patterson N5XBQ