

## MINUTES

### Of the November 19, 2011 Monthly Meeting of The Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Jim Quinn, AA5CX with 17 members and 3 guests present. Introduction of members and guests was conducted. The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report for the period October 15 to November 18 was read and approved.

Gary Lewis, WG5L then presented a very informative and in-depth program on the status of EMCOMM activities in Gregg County. Gary discussed his appointment as Asst. Section Emergency Coordinator, District 8 EC and Gregg County EC. He gave an overview of the local ARES program, its development and its dual alignment with the local RACES program, particularly in the area of local government liaison and the SkyWarn program and how the local organization relates to the State organization. Gary discussed the efforts of the ARES steering committee to develop the criteria for participation by LETARC in the ARES program. Registration, training requirements, and a skill and equipment inventory platform were established as a framework for participation and are available on the LETARC website. Gary discussed the ARES Compendium, the basic plan of action for ARES, copies of which have been distributed to the local served agencies. Gary gave a review of the recent exercises in which the local ARES group participated. These included the SET exercise, Operation Unity, which was conducted statewide on November 5 and the local ETCOG regional disaster exercise conducted on November 14, 15, and 16 in Longview. From the exercises Gary has been able to develop a list of areas where improvement is needed and will be focused on in future training sessions. A question and answer period followed.

The business meeting followed.

Richard Brown, K5RRB gave a brief update on Field Day planning and preparation for 2012. He stated that repairs on the antenna systems at the club station are being planned to begin the kickoff for preparing for a great 2012 Field Day.

Jim Quinn, AJ1MQ, discussed upcoming nominations for officers for LETARC for 2012. The nominating committee is developing a slate of candidates which will be printed and a ballot will be mailed to all members in time for the December meeting.

A brief discussion of the status of 501 C 3 designation indicated that the process is ongoing and should be completed sometime in 2012.

A discussion of the restaurant for the December monthly LETARC dinner resulted in the Big "O" Burger being chosen. Eating time will be 6:00 pm December 4.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 16,2011

Brought forward from last reporting period was \$5,709.39 bank funds and \$5.01 cash on hand for a total of \$5,714.40. Expenditures consisted of \$35.00 (check #1298) to Jim Quinn, AJ1MQ for stamps to mail out election ballots. Revenue included \$85.00 in membership dues yielding a total of \$5,759.39 in bank funds and \$5.01 in cash on hand for total club funds of \$5,764.40.

Attendees

Richard Brown	K5RRB	Tom Nance	KB5ZFS
Terry Johnson	KG5WO	Terry Griffith	K5PDQ
Phillip Mullins	AE5KE	Glenn Hays	N5TNC
Horace Richardson	N5ZQD	Cloys Tolbert	K5CGT
Dean Patterson	KE5AVH	Guy Howell, Sr.	W5CMK
Cliff Scott	AE5ZA	Jim Quinn	AJ1MQ
Priscilla Quinn	AA5PQ	Jim Quinn	AA5CX
Corey Ressler	KC9RAV	John Zenter	AE5OY
Karl Falken	N2LIF	Gary Lewis	WG5L
Van Bullock	K5VAB	Robert Wallace	KF5NDK