

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE LONGVIEW EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

OCTOBER 19, 2013

1. Meeting was called to order at 9 am by president Gary Lewis, WG5L.
2. Secretary's report for the September meeting was read by club president Gary Lewis, WG5L.

Motion was made to accept the report as read by Jim Rogers, N5VGQ.

Second was made by Terry Griffith, K5PDQ. Minutes were approved as read.
- 3 . Treasurer's report for the August and September meetings were then read by president Gary Lewis, WG5L.

Motion was made to accept the reports as read by Jim Quinn the younger, AJ1MQ.

Second was made by Jim Rogers, N5VGQ. The reports were approved as read.
4. John Zenter gave a very cursory presentation on antennas.
5. After a brief break for refreshments, the meeting recommenced with a discussion of several items, including upcoming events:
 - a. Determination was made that the interference to the 34 machine is from the Corsicana D-star repeater which is also operating on 147.34 Megahertz. The Texas VHF FM Society has been contacted, and a possible short term fix is currently in the works.
 - b. Current status of the LETARC D-star repeater project: Cost for the repeater equipment proper will be between \$1600 and \$1800. Dean Patterson KE5AVH has agreed to host the repeater and allow the use of his tower for the antenna.
 - c. Current cash on hand is \$1150, and there are four (4) outstanding pledges from Longview club members and two (2) new pledges from Tyler hams. Deadline for giving pledges has been set for November 1st. Because repeater prices are part of a promotion, we will need to buy the repeater equipment before December 31, 2013.
 - d. It was also pointed out that there may also be some incidental expenses relating to equipment and material required for interconnection of the D-star repeater system to the computer and the computer to the Internet.
6. Meeting was adjourned after Cheddar's was chosen as the site of the next informal dinner gathering, to be held on Sunday, November 3, 2013.