

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2013 MONTHLY MEETING
OF
THE LONGVIEW/EAST/TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

- *Meeting called to order at 9:00 am Saturday, December 21, 2013, by President Gary Lewis WG5L.
- *Introduction of 16 members and 1 guest was made.
- *Gary reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.
- *Minutes of the November 2013 meeting were read. A motion to accept was made by Jim Quinn AA5CX and seconded by Todd Hoover N5TJH and approved by a majority show of hands.
- *The Treasurer's report for the previous reporting period was read. A motion to accept was made by Horace Richardson N5ZQD and seconded by Jim Quinn AA5CX and was approved by a majority show of hands.
- *A certificate of appreciation was presented to Todd Hoover for his participation in the Red Cross Disaster Assessment Drill.
- *Jim Quinn AJ1MQ, Election Committee Coordinator, took the podium to preside over the annual officer election process. Jim reviewed the slate of candidates who agreed to stand for election or who were nominated and were listed on the ballot which was mailed to the membership earlier in the month. That ballot listed the following candidates for office:

President: John Zenter AE5OY
Vice-President: Gary Lewis WG5L
Sec/Treasurer: Weldon Pittman KC5GQM
Media Co-Directors: Jim Quinn AJ1MQ & Priscilla Quinn AA5PQ
Communications Officer: Jim Rogers N5VGQ

Jim explained that after the ballot was mailed to the membership, Weldon Pittman KC5GQM was forced to withdraw his candidacy for Secretary/Treasurer because of increased responsibilities at work. Jim asked for nominations from the floor for candidates for the Secretary/Treasurer and for any of the other positions for which anyone wished to run or nominate a candidate. With no nominations coming from the floor, Terry Johnson KG5WO agreed to continue in the Secretary/Treasurer position for one more year. Todd Hoover N5TJH made a motion to accept the slate as stated with the change in Secretary/Treasurer to Terry Johnson and the motion was seconded by Jim Quinn AA5CX. The slate of candidates was accepted by a unanimous show of hands from the members present. The Board of Directors for 2014 will be:

President: John Zenter AE5OY
Vice-President: Gary Lewis WG5L
Media Co-Directors: Jim Quinn AJ1MQ & Priscilla Quinn AA5PQ
Communications Officer: Jim Rogers N5VGQ
Secretary/Treasurer: Terry Johnson KG5WO

*Gary Lewis WG5L then presented the monthly program on the status of the K5LET DSTAR repeater and a new access device just introduced to the market called a DHAP. Gary reviewed the history of the DSTAR campaign and the current equipment order. The repeater and controller should be shipped in late December or early January. He showed a diagram of the relationship of repeaters, reflectors, and gateways and the apparatus needed to implement the system. Gary reported that the K5LET repeater will be a 2 meter, Module C repeater operating on 147.060 MHz. Gary showed a diagram of the layout of the system at Dean Patterson's home. The gateway has been installed, configured and registered on the DSTAR US Trust System. Gary then demonstrated the DHAP (Digital Ham Access Point) access device, which consists of a Raspberry Pi computer, a DVAP access device, and the necessary NIMH batteries and wiring to support the system. This is all enclosed

a heavy duty machined HDPE plastic enclosure. The device is used to access the internet for DSTAR communications and costs \$290.00. After a question and answer period, the meeting adjourned briefly for refreshments.

*When the meeting resumed, Gary began the business portion of the meeting by presenting a review of club activities and accomplishments over the past two years.

*Gary announced that VE testing will take place this afternoon at LeTourneau University at 2:00 pm and all available VE's are requested to assist.

*Todd Hoover N5TJH then led a discussion of the upcoming East Texas Regional Tailgate Sale to be held April 12 at LeTourneau University. Todd requested club funds be made available to purchase a door prize for the event. Jim Quinn AA5CX made a motion to donate up to \$150.00 for use on Tailgate Sale door prizes. Cloys Tolbert K5CGT seconded the motion and it passed on a majority vote. The status and possible use of the computers donated by Martin Resources was then discussed. After much discussion and input by Jim Rogers, Communications Officer, it was decided to swap two of the computers to Gary Newman N5XPD for duplexers for the DSTAR system. A motion to approve the swap was made by Terry Griffith K5PDQ and seconded by Horace Richardson N5ZQD and was passed by majority vote.

*Upcoming activities were announced and include:

Minden Hamfest in Minden La. on December 16

Tentative DSTAR Workday at Dean Patterson's on December 28

A DSTAR Training program to be held at a yet to be determined date in January 2014

An Emcomm training program to be held sometime in February or March

A Skywarn Class to be held in February or March

A service project to paint the Red Cross bathroom

License training classes to held this year

*A discussion on the location of the LETARC Eatin' Meetin' resulted in Corner Bakery being chosen as the site of the Sunday evening dinner on January 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

*With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Attendees

John Zenter	AE5OY	Terry Johnson	KG5WO
Horace Richardson	N5ZQD	Todd Hoover	N5TJH
Terry Griffith	K5PDQ	Jay Rowe	KF5UBO
George Lee	K5JF	Cloys Tolbert	K5CGT
Jim Quinn	AA5CX	Jim Rogers	N5VGQ
Gary Lewis	WG5L	Jerry Ritchie	WA5OKO
Cliff Scott	AE6ZA	Priscilla Quinn	AA5PQ
Jim Quinn	AJ1MQ	Keith Ballow	KN5G
Rich Fleming	N3DNU		

Treasurer's Report

Brought forward from the last report was a balance of \$3,346.68 comprised of \$1,381.68 club funds and \$2,065.00 DSTAR funds. Income for the period included membership dues of 25.00 each from Cloys Tolbert K5CGT, Jim Quinn AA5CX, Horace Richardson N5ZQD, Todd Hoover N5TJH, Terry Johnson KG5WO, and John Zenter AE5OY for a total of \$150.00. Additional income included \$2.00 from Terry Johnson for ARRL Membership renewal rebate. Expenses included \$16.50 to Donut Palace for donuts for the monthly meeting and \$2.17 to Kinko's for copies of the LETARC Membership Application leaving a balance of club funds of \$1,515.01. A debit of \$970.83 from Icom America for the DSTAR controller was made leaving a balance of DSTAR funds of \$1,094.17. Combined club funds and DSTAR funds leave a current account balance of \$2,609.18.