

Board Meeting Minutes - 13 February 2023

Zoom Conference <https://w5hrc.org/clublive>

Meeting ID: 7748316519

Password: 147100

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Reports/Updates

President – Paul

- Winter Field Day was a success
 - We had good participation and everyone had a good time.
 - Thanks to Jeremy, John, Travis, Sam, Greg, Dave for their hard work and braving the cold.
 - Thank you Travis for the Space Buddy Heater it helped.
 - Thank you Paul for breakfast
- Switch from Slack to Discord for online chat
 - Emails sent to change from slack to discord
 - Change has been made to use discord
 - Chris can help with set-up
 - Discord has a lot of HAM information and users (Jason's stuff, exam tools etc.)
Discord is a replacement for club Slack..
- Information provided at next membership meeting.
Potentially replace ZOOM - Chris doesn't think it is a great idea.
Slack is a great business tool. Time to do something else...
- Scott Winter emailed to inquire about donating "stuff"
- Didn't sound like stuff to mess with. The club could potentially sell it at HamFest. The board doesn't want it. There is EBay potential for the tubes.
- Paul will contact to get more information to see if it is worth picking up. Who will pick it up? Don will pick the stuff up if he is close by. Sam likewise.
- Pat Autrey, Hurst Stake Group, emailed to ask if we know anyone who can help with an antenna installation? They are looking for someone to hire to help put up a few antennas at a church in North Richland Hills. They have already purchased the antennas and coax. Sounds like a pay job.
 - Equipping their church with communications (antennas). They are not knowledgeable about how to install the antennas.
 - Would like to garner membership for helping them out.
 - Greg will continue to gather information and pass information to them about what is needed.
- Gift card giveaway
 - Failed to do give away because of lack of tickets. Will try again this membership meeting.

Secretary – Lisa

- Approve minutes
- Are there any corrections to the minutes? Move on. Since folks have access to the minutes so you don't have to read them at the meeting.

Treasurer – John

- Finance update
 - 114.04 field day expenses includes 51.83 on card, repayment of 22.67 – Jeremy, 25.00- John
- No deposits in January
- \$6613.89 available
- Move \$14.04 from club outreach to Winter Field day to balance the budget. Board agreed to move the money from club outreach to Field day balancing the budget.
- Chris Holder AI5GK application pending. Has he paid? We need to reach out to him.
- John will follow up

Repeater – John

- DMR – Working
- 2M - Working
- 440 - Working
- AREDN – Node having issue. Causing link drop outs. Will replace node.
- Projects - Jim Davis Antennas?
 - Jim Davis antennas are down now at fire station, equipment needs to be thinned out.
- Need to speak to the chief about mounting new Hex beam on station 2. Paul should lead the discussion as the president of the organization.

RACES – Don

- Tarrant
 - [Skywarn Basic Virtual Classes](#) Feb 21st, 7pm
Mar 4th 9:30AM and Mar 21st 7pm
 - Peter's Skywarn certificate – emailed.
 - Don needs the dates to update the skills.
 - Don has updated the members that attended the most recent training at FS1.
- Hurst
 - Don will be at the EOC on the 2nd Sunday of the month

Sunshine -

- Rick Plockot – fighting cancer

Training / Testing

- In person fourth Saturday at EOC. – Paul
 - 2 applicant signed up
- Remote via Zoom fourth Thursday. – Paul

- Training sessions planned for March working with Bill Grobe
 - Training will be 3 or 4 sessions followed by testing

Upcoming Events (Immediate and Priority)

- Schedules to Plan:
 - 2023 Cowtown Marathon February 24th – 26th, volunteers needed for the 26th.
 - 3rd Saturday Ham 101 and Tech Talks
 - Sam NM5N will give CW presentation at February meeting.
 - Steve, KM5HT tower climbing presentation - March Talk
 - Only on Saturday because it is a long one
 - John will speak at the March meeting - Calling CQ
 - Is it time for another DMR discussion and update?
 - Peter is asking for a DMR Session
 - Chris has a presentation he can put together for April
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 - Classes - Spring Technician in-person planned for March. General late fall after new question bank is published. Bill Grobe is helping. We've decided not to attempt an Extra class for now.
 - Irving Hamfest, Saturday, March 4th, 8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
 - At Betcha Bingo, 2420 W Irving Blvd, Irving, TX
 - Need volunteers to man a table
 - Election of Board
 - Need someone to organize
 - Sam and Chris will organize
 - Hamvention 2023 – May 19th – 21st Green County Fairgrounds, Xenia, Ohio. <https://hamvention.org/>
 - Club Picnic, moved back to Field Day
 - 2023 ARRL Field Day, June 24-25
 - Who will organize?
 - GOTA station in the little park next to EOC?
 - Food – main protein smoked chicken drums and hot dogs?
 - Purchase from BBQ place or do our own?
 - Can we have a grill on the deck outside the EOC?
 - Members sign up to bring a dish
 - 2023 Fourth of July Fireworks Event (Monday July 3rd)
 - North Central Texas Simplex Net Friday's 8:00 p.m. 146.58
 - Other Events
 - Nobody had any other events to mention.

Old Business

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New Business

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Other Business

- Sam NM5N will give CW presentation at February member meeting

Adjourn - Meeting is adjourned at 8:02 pm