



# Hurst Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Nov 21, 2022

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

Meeting ID: 7748316519

Password: 147100

**Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.**

**Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Chris gave the invocation**

**Welcome to Guests**

**David**

**Ted – Northeast Tarrant Radio Club**

**Minutes**

**The minutes for the October 2022 meeting were approved**

**Reports/Updates**

President – Paul

- Christmas Party Update
  - Chris has an online signup sheet. He will send link to members
    - Sign ups need to be completed by December 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Party will be held at the Brookside Center
      - Dinner to start at 6:30 PM
        - Dinner will be provided by the Club.
          - Lasagna, Salad, and Green Beans
      - If you want to help set up Paul will be there at 5:00 PM
      - Members should bring a Christmas Dessert to share and a white elephant gift for exchange
      - Paul's granddaughter is scheduled to perform
      - Paul would like to see homemade desserts

Secretary – Lisa

- Approve minutes
  - See Above

Treasurer – John

- Finance update
  - Bank balance is \$6589
  - There were no expenses in October



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- The membership was notified the board had approved repaying KM5HT, Steve, \$181 he spent for the repeater controllers.
- The club has a new EIN in anticipation of becoming a non-profit organization.

## Repeater – John

- DMR – Operational
- 2M –
  - Noise issue
    - Filter added to reduce out of band noise.
    - New controller has addressed most of the noise.
  - New Controller supports Echolink & Allstar, so no need to wait for repeater to drop before talking.
  - Repeater Tail extended to 10 seconds as it saves wear-tear on TX relay so long as people talk after courtesy beep.
- 440 – Allstar sounds good.
- AREDN – Working Well
- Projects -
  - Removed tower from home in Hurst last Saturday.
    - It is not really useable and is residing in the Skier's backyard.
  - Plans?

## RACES – Don

- Tarrant
  - There is volunteer opportunity on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the [Jingle Bell Run](#)
  - RACES Classes to be held in January (New) and February (Renewal) [information is available on the web.](#)
  - There is no schedule for [SKYWARN](#) at this time. It will probably be posed in the new year.
- Hurst
  - No update

## Sunshine -

- None during the month of November



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## Training / Testing

- Testing moved up due to Thanksgiving
  - This Thursday via Zoom. – Jack
  - In person this Saturday at EOC. – Paul
  - Going to try to schedule tech training start on December 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Training will take place over two weekends and testing will be the Sunday after the training. Paul is leading the charge. Information is to be added to the web site. The classes will be held from 10:00 – 4:00
  - During the Oct training 2 passed (via Zoom) and Travis Chandler became a VE.
  - During November testing 3 or 4 applicants passed the tests.

## Upcoming Events (Immediate and Priority)

- Schedules to Plan
  - Suggest we cancel Saturday get together on the 26<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving
    - It was agreed to cancel the meeting during Thanksgiving Weekend
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Ham 101 and Tech Talks
    - We have a great list of tech talks. Thanks to everyone for your input.
  - Classes - Fall Technician in-person 1<sup>st</sup> session December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll include testing on the last session.
    - Spring/Fall General, EXTRA?
  - Club Picnic
    - Let's return it to Field Day
    - Consider a fox hunt or build project
  - Christmas Party December 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Paul and Suzanne Harrington will organize
      - Could use some volunteers
  - 2023 Winter Field Day Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Who will organize – Jeremy
    - Pavilion Reserved
  - Other Events?
    - Cowtown Ham Fest is 1/20-1/21 2023

## Old Business

- Vote on Bylaws changes passed 1 abstain.



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- Sent notice from Hamclubonline announcing the vote at the membership meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>
  - There was continued discussion about the ByLaw changes
    - The purpose of the changes is to comply with IRS regulations regarding non-profits.
  - A vote was taken and the change to the by-laws was approved
  - There is an initial filing fee of \$300.00 to form the non-profit.
    - The membership approved the fee expense.

## **New Business**

- Adding a pan-tilt-zoom, PTS, camera on the TCC tower to enable weather watching
  - camera and power supply are \$250. John K5SKR will donate the IP 67, cat 6 cabling and a POE hub
    - It was decided to table discussion about upgrading the tower/shack until the first of the year.
      - Need to check where the City of Hurst stands on the upgrades
      - Who is going to pay for the upgrades

## **Presentation**

- Paul presented current VE test procedures and methods
- Announce presentation subject for January member meeting (No Dec member meeting)
  - Don will be the presenter in January
    - Net Etiquette will be his topic

## **Adjourn**

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM