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## HURST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### Business Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2014

#### DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Craig Leikis (N5LNX) opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

#### INVOCATION

Tom Condon (N5ZYT) opened with prayer.

#### ATTENDANCE

- 21 Members
- 1 Visitor - Chris Cotter (KD5HIY) visited us. Welcome Chris.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 6th, Saturday Tech Talk on Operating Simplex
- September 27<sup>th</sup>, Hurst Fire Department Open House / Texas QSO Party
- October 11<sup>th</sup>, Firemen's Steak Dinner @ FS #1 from 4pm to 8pm
- October 18<sup>th</sup>, JOTA with Pack 320
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – HARC Fall Social

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The July 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted as read.

#### MINUTES

July 2014 Minutes were accepted as published.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** – Jodi Mauldin (KE5ZHM) was absent but texted and said that Sport Galin was ill, and that she sent a get well card.

**REPEATERS** – Bub (K5BUB) was absent, was discussed that one Saturday there was interference, so the backup repeater was switched to for an hour, then switched back to the primary.

**TESTING** – Mike Haefner (N5YN) reported that David Wagner, Jr. (KG5DIX) passed his Tech and then his General.

**RACES** - Gary (KA5KPC) was absent to attend the RACES Leadership Meeting.

**MONTHLY SIREN TEST VOLUNTEERS** – There are gaps in the Outdoor Siren Tests and we need volunteers. The test is the first Wednesday of the month.

**REFRESHMENTS** - Refreshments were provided by Nick Milano (KA5TVI). Thank you sir.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Frank Schnell said that Public Service is still interested in HARC working Mall Watch again this year. This is very good practice for RACES.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **NEWSLETTER** – A volunteer is needed to take over as Newsletter editor. Denise Lucas (N5WTK) has been publishing the HARC newsletter for almost a year now. It was discussed going to an online version only. Jason Johnston (KC5HWB) volunteered to take over the newsletter for the next few months while it transitions to an online version. The Meeting minutes would still be printed for the monthly business meeting.
- **New Monthly Simplex Net** - Will begin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month before the weekly check-in net at 7:00pm. This Net ties back to RACES, and is good to know for emergencies. 2 meter may not be available in an emergency and Simplex would be the method for communication.

## **Club Events Coming Up**

- **Fire Department Open House – September 27<sup>th</sup> @ FS #1 10:00am to 2:00pm**  
HARC will use online signups for 2 hour shifts with two or three people per shift. One person to operate the radio and the other two will answer any questions the public might have.
  - HARC will have some giveaways for media recognition. Pencils were suggested that have the HARC name on them. This is to generate interest in the club.
  - The Texas QSO party is during this time and HARC will have a working station set up for it.
  - A special event call sign was requested and granted (W5H). This is available from the 20<sup>th</sup> until the 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - SKYWARN videos will be played during the open house and literature will be available.
- **Jamboree on the Air with Pack 320 October 18<sup>th</sup>**. This is the second year HARC has participated in this event. The Cub Master had participated several years ago and could not find any radio club willing to work the Scout Troup until HARC.
  - October 19<sup>th</sup>, Setup at 9:00am, Event runs from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Will use online signup for specified times. Location is First United Methodist Church, Youth Fellowship Hall.
  - Plan to have 3 stations – HF phone, HF Digital / CW (Morse Code demonstration, and VHF/UHF & Echolink.
- **Fall Social (Halloween Themed)**
  - October 25<sup>th</sup> probably at Chisholm Park, later in the afternoon.
  - There will be a Micro Foxhunt using a microfox transmitter that Bub (K5BUB) and Butch (KC5ONZ) have purchased. This microfox transmitter will be hidden at a location in the park and teams will compete to see who finds the transmitter first. A prize will be awarded to the winning team. A Saturday workshop will be held to build 2 meter Yagi antennas. Frank Schnell (W5EFZ) provided several articles on attenuator design.
  - Food will be a potluck

**50/50 Drawing** – Denise Lucas (N5WTK) won the 50/50 Drawing.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Craig (N5LNX) adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.