

HURST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Business Meeting Minutes – September 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 and 1 spouse (Janice Ihly)
- 1 Visitor - Donald L. Pengelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 6th, Saturday Tech Talk on Operating Simplex
- September 27th, Hurst Fire Department Open House / Texas QSO Party – Signups are available online.
- October 11th, Firemen's Steak Dinner @ FS #1 from 4pm to 8pm
- October 18th, JOTA with Pack 320 at First United Methodist Hurst
- October 25th – HARC Fall Social will be at Hurst Community Park at the Pavilion from 10:00am until 3:00pm. It is pot luck social and signup sheets will be available at a later date. There will be a micro fox hunt competition.
- November 1st – Quarterly Joint Club meeting at JEOC

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MINUTES

August 2014 Minutes were accepted as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Jodi Mauldin (KE5ZHM) reported that a condolence card was sent to Sport Galin's family.

REPEATERS – Bub (K5BUB) was absent. Craig (N5LNX) spoke on the Repeater replacement regarding a possible option from Yaesu. The Yaesu option works with digital which could be advantageous. The cost is approximately 1700.00. Chief Palla is very interested in assisting the club with the purchase. Fund raising will continue.

TESTING – Mike Haefner (N5YN) reported that Don Pengelly tested and received his technician class.

RACES - Gary (KA5KPC) provided a Preparedness presentation for the group. Details under New Business.

MONTHLY SIREN TEST VOLUNTEERS – Ray Drum reminded the group that there are still 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

2 meter Yagi Antenna Building on October 11th.

Those interested can assist with building five Yagi antennas to be used at the Micro Fox Hunt on October 25th at the HARC Fall Social. During the discussion, all required materials were determined to be had on hand or were donated at the meeting. During the Micro Fox Hunt, the start times will be staggered so not everyone will need an antenna. The antennas will be kept at the club for other events.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Bylaw Changes** – In January 2014, the bylaws were changed to include Risk Management content. The HARC Board reviewed the changes and discovered that the changes were outside of the scope of what the club requires, which is more of a culture of safety. The HARC Board wants additional time to develop the correct scope and made the recommendation to roll the Bylaws back to the last version. The Risk Management section would be the only section to be removed. The motion was made and passed unanimously.
- **RACES National Preparedness Month Presentation** – Gary (KA5KPC) provided a very comprehensive presentation on ways to be prepared for disasters. He demonstrated several different methods for providing power in an emergency, and touched on the basic all households should have. He provided a list of RACES opportunities, as well as a message from Gerry Dalton to the Hurst RACES/Hurst Amateur Radio Club:

“Watch the (Tarrant RACES) website for details and signup. Thanks again to everyone who volunteers as part of RACES/ARES or just club members, the groups we serve appreciate our time and devotion to making their events safe and successful.”

The Tarrant RACES web page is: <http://www.tarrantraces.org>

- **Donated Radio Equipment** – Noel (KF5SLK) had information regarding the equipment that was donated at Field Day. The equipment was donated with the stipulation that it be used in an educational format to further Ham Radio. It is older equipment and fairly bulky. However, Noel (KF5SLK) feels that it could be rebuilt as a multi-station go kit. One use would be for JOTA. Bill Grobe (KF5OON) has volunteered to do woodworking for this effort.
- **Keeping the EOC clean** – Noel (KF5SLK) mentioned that we should all police our areas for trash. We are very fortunate to have the EOC and need to help keep it clean.

ADJOURNMENT

President Craig (N5LNX) adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.