

Hurst Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 19:00 by President Chris Cotter (KD5HIY)

INVOCATION: The invocation was led by Butch Seaman (KC5ONZ).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by Vice President David Holiman (KD5YDU).

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY'S MEETING MINUTES: Accepted.

WELCOME: President Chris Cotter welcomed all in attendance, 31 members and 2 guests:

- Greg (KA9SUU)
- Steve (W5HK).

REPORTS TO CLUB MEMBERS:

- **TREASURY - BILL:** (Motion to Accept)
 - No financial activity this month other than petty cash for refreshments for the technician class.
 - **POLL:** The idea of new HurstARC name badges was presented and discussed. These badges would replace the old HurstARC name badges with more durable badges. They would also show the membership status of the member. It was also discussed that a commemorative HurstARC 50 badge would be given to current members of the club. Everyone in attendance agreed this was something for the club to obtain more information on.
 - Bill will be presenting a few designs as well as prices at the next business meeting.
- **REPEATER - BUTCH:**
 - No changes. The 2M repeater seems to be working as expected and no complaints from members in attendance. Possibility of switching the original 2M repeater with the repeater to run test and verify proper operation.
 - Chris discussed the use of Wires-X on the Fusion repeaters. The board decided and presented that the club would not pursue this. The cost to ship both ways and pay to have the updates done would be high. In addition, remote access to the repeaters would be lost.
- **R.A.C.E.S. - BUTCH:**
 - Chief Palla has a meeting scheduled for April 7th to discuss city-wide communications and how it can be improved. Gary (KA5KPC) and Butch (KC5ONZ) plan to represent HurstARC at this meeting.
 - Tarrant County R.A.C.E.S has events coming up and volunteers are needed. If interested, visit TarrantRACES.org for more information and to sign up to volunteer.
 - July 4th, it has been requested that Hurst R.A.C.E.S. provide 4-5 people to assist in several areas of the annual event. More information will follow as we get closer.
 - Burleson has requested volunteers to help with the Burleson Honey Tour on May 28th. For more information, visit mjars.org.
- **SUNSHINE - JODI:**

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- No activity.
- TESTING - MIKE/FRANK/JACK:
 - Noel Lee (KF5SLK) upgraded to Extra.

UPDATES:

- FIELD DAY/HARC 50:
 - We have been given a verbal confirmation of use of the Hurst Convention Center on July 19th. The time is still to be determined.
 - David (KD5YDU) is checking out possibilities for food and refreshments and will know more after speaking with the City. It is unsure if outside food can be brought in.
 - The club has applied for a special event station call sign of W5H. We are awaiting approval.
- R.A.C.E.S.
 - The City of Hurst was recently recognized by NOAA as being Storm Ready. In order to stay relevant and up to date, HurstARC will be doing a R.A.C.E.S overhaul. The ARRL EmComm has been selected as the material to be used.
 - The Club needs to be able to provide proof of R.A.C.E.S members and what training they have received at any time we are asked for it by the City.
 - There will be more training for Hurst R.A.C.E.S members, held bi-monthly at the EOC.
 - Bi-Monthly training nets.

CLASSES:

- General class with 20 seats available. May 17, 19, 24th, and 26th from 18:30 to 21:30.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- City Vehicle Donation: HurstARC will not be moving forward with this. There was no legal way transfer tags and handle taxes.
- 2016 Executive and 2016-2018 Board elections are coming up next month. The following positions are open and nominations are being taken: Contact Chris Cotter to submit nominations.
 - President (2016-2017)
 - Vice President (2016-2017)
 - Secretary (2016-2017)
 - Treasurer (2016-2017)
 - Three Directors (2016-2018)

BREAK: Refreshments provided by Scott (AC5UW). Thank you, Scott!

UPDATE FROM MEMBERS:

- If you are interested in receiving notifications about estate sales in the area that might have radio equipment contact orclin@sbcqglobal.net

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned by President Chris Cotter at 20:19.