

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club
K5FRC
Minutes for November 19, 2011

Vice President David Keene called to order the regular monthly business meeting of the Fannin County Amateur Radio Club with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

David then called on Treasurer Bill Purcell to give his report: We have been receiving dues for 2012 and we have had disbursements. We did reimburse Mike Durbin. He had also transferred \$1000 from the checking account to the savings because we do draw a little interest on the savings account. The balance as of the 31st of October is \$2798.06 total for both accounts. We still need to pay \$400 to the IRS for the 501c3, \$200 for Mr. Warnstaff for handling that paperwork for us and to send the donation of \$25 to the Veteran's Memorial Fund in memory of Richard "Dutch" Williams. These expenditures will be reflected in the report for the next meeting in December. David Reeder WA0URJ made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Doug Mentzer K7DAM seconded. The motion passed.

Bill told everyone that the receipts for dues would be an electronic receipt. He explained that the way that would flow is when you give him the money he would take it record it then deposit it. Then he would first send the electronic receipt by e-mail to Secretary Kathy Brewer who would then make a record it and update the membership roster. She would then forward it to the paying member. There will be a paper receipt for those not having e-mail.

We have hit a snag on the electronic bill pay. For some reason Bill's computer and the banks computer don't want to work together. When we get this issue resolved, we are going to try to pay everything by electronic bill pay which is a better record keeping system. You do the entry once instead of two or three times. There are no transcription errors. It's faster and all the records are there at the bank. There is no fee. The bank is doing the electronic bill pay as a public service. If you ever decide to use American Bank be sure and tell them you are from the club. That is what encourages them to do this sort of thing.

Bill explained that Glen Warnstaff is an enrolled agent with the IRS and has done all the paper work and filing for our 501c3 status which is a formidable task. He has done this at a great discount to our club which is basically just to cover his expenses. Bill suggested that we consider inviting him and his wife to the Christmas Party. Mike Lindsey KD5UNY made the motion that we extend the invitation with the club paying for their meal. Jody Lindsey KE5GIB seconded it. Motion passed.

Mike Lindsey also made a motion to also invite Richard and Christy Lenoir of Main Trading Company in Paris, TX. as our guests. Richard made door prizes donations for last year's Christmas Party and already made donations for this year. Jody Lindsey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill Purcell also asked that the Club consider the possibility of changing the Bylaws to allow, either by check or electronic bill pay, the Treasurer to write checks up to \$200 without requiring two officer signatures. David Keene asked if he wanted to make that in the form of a motion. Bill said he wanted to draft the motion. His resolution reads:

Resolved: FCARC Bylaws be amended to permit electronic bill pay up to a \$200.⁰⁰ maximum. Let it be further resolved that checks for \$200.⁰⁰ or less require only one officer signature. All disbursements (electronic or paper check) exceeding \$200.00 will still require the signature of two club officers.

The Bylaws require an amendment to the Bylaw must be submitted in advance and publicized at least ten days before the vote. A quorum of one third of the club membership with at least two thirds majority vote is required.

David Keene asked if everyone had a chance to see the Minutes on line. David pointed out a couple of minor items in the minutes. "David Keene brought a program on "Easy Pal" after the meeting." This sentence should read, "David Keene brought a program on digital modes after the meeting".

Also the paragraph above that concerning the repeaters,

"Mike Durbin made a proposal that the 145.130 repeater be used for weather/emergency nets and our established Tuesday Night Net and the 145.470 repeater would be our "General Use" repeater. He noted that we are not quite ready to implement this program due to some software work that needs to be done but will be brought to the club for approval in the near future."

David said that the 145.470 and the 145.130 repeaters were the reverse of what was in the October minutes. It should say that the 145.47 was the base repeater and would be used for the Tuesday night net and general usage. And the 145.130 would be for the weather nets and emergency nets. David Reeder confirmed that.

Roger Ashcraft KE5CCJ made the motion the minutes be approved with these changes. Mike Lindsey KD5UNY seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The application for the 501c3 has been sent. We are hoping it will be approve before the end of the year.

David Keene said he had been trying to find someone to manufacture the tri-pod for the fiberglass poles at a cheap enough price that we could resale and make a little money besides the dues. He said he had talked to Bonham Pipe and Steel located on South 121. David said they have been negotiating and they have made a prototype but David has not seen it yet. He said he could build them in lots of 25 for \$30 each. The little alignment jig would be \$10. David Keene then asked if anyone was aware of the legal aspects of the club buying them here locally the selling them like to MTC in Paris to resale and we would also have the option to sell them ourselves as a fund raiser for the club. Bill Purcell said he would check on that and get back to David.

David also brought up the fact that the Club is having more outdoor activities and we are getting large enough that maybe we should think about getting liability insurance. ARRL sponsors an insurance company that has a policy which is \$200 for one million dollars in coverage. In larger cities most places would not rent to a club such as ours without this type of coverage. Bill Purcell said he would take that policy and compare it to other insurance companies to see how it compares in price and coverage for the price. After some discussion, many voicing the opinion that ARRL being a national organization and

knowing radio and hazards that come with it that they maybe we should just go with the company they recommend. This company probably would also be the least expensive since they would write insurance for so many clubs. Mike Lindsey made the motion to purchase liability insurance for the Club from the ARRL sponsored insurance company.

Bill Purcell also stated a concern that the officers/board/trustee need to have "Errors and Omissions Insurance" and said he would like to amend Mike Lindsey's motion to purchase the liability insurance from ARRL sponsored company for \$200 and to pursue the Errors and Omissions insurance for the officers/board/trustee. Danny Loyd KE5WDI seconded. The motion passed.

As chairman of the nominating committee David Keene presented the slate of officers for 2012 which will be voted on at the December meeting/Christmas Party. They are: David Reeder for President, Mike Durbin for Vice President, Kathy Brewer for Secretary, and Bill Purcell for Treasurer. David asked if there were any nominations from the floor at this time. There were none. There will be opportunity to make nominations at the December meeting also. If you are not able to attend the meeting in December you can mail or e-mail your ballot to the Vice President David Keene.

David Reeder reminded everyone that has not signed up for the Christmas Party to do so before November 30. Shumardii's needs the number count by the 1st of December. There will be a "Silent Auction" and door prizes again this year.

Danny Loyd asked that anyone that had ran the NET on Tuesday nights to please get their list of those checking in to him so he can get their names in the drawing for the Party. We do not know yet what the prize is going to be.

Bill Purcell suggested that the Club invite the County Commissioners, County Judge, District Attorney or, The Chamber of Commerce and other public officials beneficial to the Club to participate in the Christmas Party at their own expense. David appointed Doug Mentzer, David Reeder and Bill Purcell to draft and send the invitation to the appropriate people. If anyone has ideas of who they think would be good to invite to let them know. Darrell suggested the Sheriff. It was agreed this would be good publicity for the Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Danny Loyd made a motion that the Club consider have a 'Special Event' for Sam Rayburn Birthday Celebration on January 6th as suggested by Gary Stone N5PHT. If we don't do that, then something around Sam Rayburn to capitalize this being his home. He has talked to those heading this January event and they were very glad to have us agreed to allow us have a space to set up inside the Library. The motion was seconded by Darrell Brewer KE5JHN. Discussion followed with Roger Ashcraft KE5CCJ stating all the reasons why he feels this would not a good time. The motion failed by a little more than half the vote. It was agreed to set up a "Special Events Committee" to research the times, publicize and plan ahead and follow through with this idea in the future with Sam Rayburn being a good central theme. David Keene asked if anyone would like to chair a committee to explore any "special event station". David Reeder volunteered. Since this was Danny Loyd's idea and project he volunteered to work on the committee with David. It was suggested that the Sam Rayburn Birthday would be a good yearly "special

event" because we would know in advance when it was coming up and Mr. Sam is well known and you may get more publication that way and many "special event stations" are recurring annual events. But a "special event" can be anything like maybe the founding of Lake Fannin, Battleships or other historical events.

Roger Ashcraft KE5CCJ explained his reasoning for making the following motion which was written and passed out to the members present.

Any event sponsored/sanctioned by the Fannin County Amateur Radio Club must be voted on and approved by a majority vote two months ahead of the proposed date of event, to allow for adequate planning and publicity. There will be no open ended calendars or recurring events- approval would be needed for each specific event. Upon approval, the Club President, or in his absence the Vice President would appoint a chairman to organize the event, and that person would report directly to the President and/or Vice President of the FCARC. The FCARC banner should be used only for approved events.

David Reeder seconded the motion. There was extensive discussion about the pros and cons of such a limitation being placed on the Club and membership. David Keene said he thinks the Club is fine the way we have always been if we just use common sense. Many expressed the time limit is a problem. Others feel it is needed and every event needs to be approved individually every time. The vote was taken. Some that had signed in had to leave the meeting early therefore were not counted in the vote. There was a seven for and a seven against tie. David Keene the moderator for today had to break the tie. Therefore the motion failed with a seven for and eight against vote. David Keene said that what is needed is just common sense and feedback from the committees on events.

There was a discussion on the need of a calendar of events on the website and Mike Durbin's busy schedule for having the time to add something else for him to do. Mark Hetherington stated that he knew people that looked at our website to see what events we had schedule and thought this would be a benefit to the Club. Scott Peaco said he would be glad to assist Mike in putting together, organizing, and managing the website and such a calendar if Mike was willing to show him how.

There were several sources and ways of publicizing the Club events and meetings were discussed. The Event Calendar accessible and maintained by someone else would be good also.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Peaco KE5OPS and seconded by Doug Mentzer K7DAM.

*Kathy Brewer KE5SLQ
Club Secretary*