



THE REPEATER

*Welcome to the monthly
Newsletter publication of the
Fannin County Amateur Radio Club*



K5FRC

Repeaters

(100HZ tone on output of all repeaters)

145.470 (No tone) IRLP 3602 ECHOLINK 143902

145.130 (No tone)

443.750 (No tone) IRLP 7901 ECHOLINK 554534

Digital SSTV 446.125

(10 MINUTE BEACON)

Doug Mentzer K7DAM, editor-in-training

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Note from the President....

Here it is February and 2012 is moving along. The club board of directors met in special session to discuss the constitutional amendment to be presented to the membership at the February meeting. As our club continues to move toward obtaining our 501 C-3 status we need to make sure that all our "I's" are dotted and "T's" are crossed. I'm sure that we will have other revisions and amendments as the year progresses. Hopefully our business meeting will be short to give ample time for our guest speaker. I wish to thank Doug Mentzer K7DAM for accepting the position of our Newsletter Editor. I also wish to thank David Keene W5DBK for his work as editor over the past couple of years.

David Reeder-WAØURJ
President

Current Officers

David Reeder WA0URJ	President
Mike Durbin K5MJD	Vice President
Bill Purcell KF5GJY	Treasurer
Kathy Brewer KE5SLG	Secretary

January Meeting Minutes

Minutes for January, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the club president David Reeder WAØURJ. There were nineteen members and three visitors present. He then asked outgoing Vice President David Keene W5DBK to begin the meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. David Keene has been an officer of the FCARC for several years now serving both as President and Vice President.

David Reeder then shared with the Club that our treasurer Bill Purcell had lost his home on Thursday due to a fire. He asked Kathy Brewer to give an update to those present which she did. Kathy volunteered to assist Bill with his duties as treasurer as long as necessary. There was no treasurer's report for this meeting.

Since the minutes for the December Annual Election meeting/Christmas Party had not been posted on line ten days before the meeting as required in the Bylaws, they were read aloud by Secretary Kathy Brewer KE5SLG. Mike Lindsey KD5UNY made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Jody Lindsey KE5GIB seconded the motion. Motion passed

The President then asked for a repeater update from Mike Durbin K5MJD, trustee which was then given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amendment change: The following motion presented by Bill Purcell at the November meeting was read aloud.

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.

There was much discussion about the weaknesses of the original wording in the Bylaws and lack of safeguards in place there and in this proposed change. Danny Loyd called for the question on the motion by Bill Purcell. President David Reeder called for the vote. Vice President Mike Durbin presented three absentee ballots. The motion failed. With current membership of forty-four and with seventeen members being present plus the three absentee votes the required quorum of one third (15) was met.

Doug Mentzer expressed a need for clarification of the wording of the part of the Bylaws that state how the membership was to be made aware of proposed amendment changes, possibly adding Fanninhams to the list already in the bylaws and the word "such as" to eliminate confusion.

David Keene made a motion that the Board/Officers come up with the new wording of the amendment to the Bylaws Article XIV Section D as suggested by Bill Purcell, and to Bylaws Article XV Section A to add wording to clarify how the membership will be notified of a proposed amendment change addressing the concerns mentioned by the membership present and post their wording on the website and send it to the membership via email or standard mail for those not having internet access as required in the Bylaws at least ten days before the February meeting to be voted on at that meeting. Darrell Brewer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jody Lindsey KE5GIB brought up a question about who to be responsible for notifying the membership and who is to pay the postage for the mailed notifications. Mike Lindsey KD5UNY made a motion that the club approves the purchase of a roll of "anytime" stamps to be divided between the secretary and treasurer for club use. Glenn Estes N5UPA seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Brewer stated that she knew of four FCARC members that had been having hard financial times and therefore had not been able to pay the dues for 2011 and other club members had paid them in their behalf. She then made the motion that the Club give to the Board the authority to grant these four members either a full or partial waiver of their dues. Each situation is different and would be decided on a case by case basis. If the member is able then they could and should pay what they feel they could afford at this time. I believe that giving this authority to the Board and not having a public vote would reduce any embarrassment that members might be subjected to due to their situation. The Board has discussed this by way of email and is willing to accept this responsibility. Jody Lindsey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathy said she would also like to suggest that this authority be added to the list of responsibilities given to Board of Directors in the Bylaws for future by an amendment to be voted on at the February meeting.

Kathy Brewer also presented the following amendment to the Bylaws as a motion to be voted on at the February meeting:

Purposed Amendment to:

ARTICLE IX--The Board of Directors:

12) Shall, after careful review of the individual situation as presented, have the authority to grant a full or partial waiver of the membership dues for the year where the payment of such dues may constitute a hardship to the individual. Such waivers may be renewed for successive one (1) year terms as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

David Reeder expressed his desire that the club would be able to reduce the amount of the dues in the future. After the 501c3 is approved and we are able to receive deductible donations into the club maybe the burden on the membership will be easier and we will still have the money to do what we need to do.

David Reeder welcomed our visitors. President of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club, Donald Hoffman, shared some things about their club and getting their 501c3. David Reeder also welcomed Ben and Lee Sly and asked them to introduce themselves. The three visitors were there to test after the meeting.

Darrell Brewer KE5JHN the Emergency Management Coordinator for Fannin County announced the annual Sky Warn class scheduled for Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 PM at the Bonham High School cafeteria.

There were various discussions about Field Day, Radio in the Park, a Calendar of Events for the year and revamping the weather net procedures. These were all topics on the agenda for the Board meeting that was scheduled to happen before the meeting but was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. David told those present that the Board would be meeting this month to discuss these things.

David Keene suggested looking at getting the club involved in putting Digi-peaters around the county as another topic to add to agenda for the Board meeting. And also would the club be interested in participating in an Easy Pal/Slow scan TV presentation to the Plano Club. Easy Pal would be great to use on the balloons.

If anyone has ideas for programs for the monthly meetings let David Reeder know.

David Reeder asked for a motion to adjourn. Danny Loyd made the motion. Mike Lindsey seconded. The motion carried.

Kathy Brewer KE5SLG

Secretary

January Financial Report

Fannin Count Amateur Radio Club
 Treasurer's Report
 1 Jan 2012-31 Jan 2012

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Checking - American Bank of Texas - Account #XXXXXX8608	- Beginning Balance	\$411.02
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Member Dues

Date	Name	Sgle/Fam	Cash	Check	Amount
1/23/12	David Lines	x	\$9.00	\$15	\$24.00
1/23/12	Glenn Estes	x		\$24	\$24.00
Dues Total					\$48.00

Income - Cash

Date	From	Notes	Amount
1/23/12	Steve Ten Eych	Christmas auction items	\$30.00
Cash Total			\$30.00

Income - Checks

Date	From	Notes	Amount
Checks Total			\$78.00

Expenses

Date	Name	Check #	Notes	Amount
Cash Total				\$0.00

Savings-American Bank of Texas - Account #XXXXXX0524

Date	Activity	Notes	Amount
Savings Total			\$0.00

SUMMARY

Date	Activity	Amount
	Checking	\$489.02
	Savings * As of 12-31-2011	\$2,174.50
Total Funds		\$2,663.52

Bill Purcell, Treasurer			David Reeder, President					

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws:

Present wording of the Bylaws:

ARTICLE XIV-Treasury:

Article XIV Section D: Withdrawals from any club account shall require the signature of any two of the four authorized officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Proposed new wording

ARTICLE XIV-Treasury:

Article XIV Section D shall be amended to read:

Payments of regularly occurring bills or purchases approved by a majority vote at any meeting of the general membership of the FCARC may be paid using the most efficient and effective payment method at the discretion of the Treasurer or officer paying that bill.

Except when transferring funds into the checking account, any withdrawals from the Club savings account shall require the signature of any two of the four authorized officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

With a majority vote the Board of Directors may make a purchase on behalf of the FCARC when waiting for a vote of the general membership is not deemed by the Board to be in best interest of the Club. A report of this purchase will be given at the following monthly meeting.

Except for a transfer of funds, no withdrawals shall be made from either the checking or saving accounts without prior approval by a majority vote at any meeting of the general membership or a majority of the Board of Directors.

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February Special Program

Guest speaker – Walt Mayfield KE5SOO, NTX ARRL Section Leader

Monthly Information Topic

New Rules for 5 MHz (60 Meters) To Go Into Effect March 5

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ARLB002 New Rules for 5 MHz (60 Meters) To Go Into Effect March 5

On November 18, the FCC released a Report and Order (R&O), defining new rules for the 60 meter (5 MHz) band. These rules are in response to a Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) filed by the ARRL more than five years ago and a June 2010 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). In the February 3 edition of the Federal Register, the FCC announced that these new rules will go into effect on March 5, 2012.

Details can be found at,

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/02/03/2012-2477/amateur-radio-use-of-the-allocation-at-5-mhz>

In summarizing the new rules, the FCC explained that the new rules amend the current rules to facilitate more efficient and effective use by the Amateur Radio Service of five channels in the 5330.5-5406.4 kHz band (the 60 meter band): "Specifically, and consistent with our proposals in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding, the Commission replaces one of the channels with a less encumbered one, increases the maximum authorized power amateur stations may transmit in this band and authorizes amateur stations to transmit three additional emission designators. The Commission also adopts an additional operational rule that prohibits the use of automatically controlled digital stations and makes editorial revisions to the relevant portions of the Table of Frequency Allocations and our service rules."

The Amateur Radio Service in the United States has a secondary allocation on 60 meters. Only those amateurs who hold General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class licenses may operate on this band. Amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to -- and must accept interference from -- stations authorized by any administration in the fixed service, as well as mobile (except aeronautical mobile) stations authorized by the administrations of other countries.