

## Meeting of the North Richland Hills ARC April 19, 2014 Fire Training Center, North Richland Hills, Texas

The monthly Meeting was called to order by the President, Wayne Wilson at 6:58 pm.

### Present

- President: Wayne Wilson (WR5S)
- Vice President: Jeff Robinson (N5XHI)
- Secretary: Dave Routzon (W5GT)
- Treasurer: Alan Schiller (W5ADS)
- At-Large Board Member: Doyle Hardy (K5HTE)
- At-Large Board Member: Lowell Martin (W5HP)
- Education Officer: Michelle Spears (W5MRS)
- PIO: Linda Robinson (N5XHK)
- Emergency Coordinator: Hugh Underwood (W5HAU)

### Absent:

- At-Large Board Member: Harry Monck (KE5MLV)
- At-Large Board Member: Jim Lee (WB4GWX)

33 total attendees signed in, including 1 visitor.

President, Wayne Wilson, asked for the following reports:

- 1) **Secretary:** Dave read the minutes of the Annual Meeting and they were approved. A copy will be available on the web site.
- 2) **Treasurer:** Alan reported that the balance on hand at the end of March was \$1769.21.
- 3) **Vice President:** Jeff announced that May's meeting will be Bob Norris (AK5U) with Field Day planning. Field Day this year is June 28 and 20<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the NRH Training center as it has in past years. There will also be an interesting DVD about the "Last Big Field Day". Jeff mentioned that we need to find a backup person for Field Day coordinator, as this will be Bob's final year as coordinator.
- 4) **T Shirts:** Wayne suggested that everyone wear the yellow club T Shirts for Field Day. Doyle said that the best way to order them is via the web site. The newer shirts are "wickable".
- 5) **Education Officer:** Michelle reported that there will be a General Class beginning May 7 with a Tech Class in June. She needs instructors.
- 6) **Siren Test** Alan Schiller (W5ADS) is our Siren Test coordinator and said that all positions are covered. It's only a 15 minute commitment once a month. Weather has prevented an actual test so far.
- 7) **Field Day:** Planning for Field Day is moving along. Bob still needs someone for the CW station and a Setup/Tear Down team. Glenn (KE4HZC) volunteered to be the Safety Officer. Linda and Jeff will again help with meals. Setup will be at 6 pm on Friday for the beam on the Fire Tower and will begin at 8 am on Saturday for all other setup.
- 8) **440 Machine Status:** Bob (AK5U) reported that the repeater still has issues with the transmitter and was still not ready. He will follow up with Jim Lee.

- 9) **PIO.** Linda said that if anyone is not receiving the newsletter, they should contact her.
- 10) **FOX Hunt.** As winners of the recent Fox Hunt, Sharlene KG5AOW, Rich KF5OVH, Zane KE5WID will be the “Fox” for the next hunt. They will decide the location. Wayne suggested that they set the hunt before Field Day.
- 11) **Testing:** Lowell reported that testing will be at the NRH Library on 4/29 at 6:30.
- 12) **Program:** Ed Williams (KE5UCT) presented his new Go Kit. It’s a portable Rack-mount container containing HF, VHF/UHF transceivers, Power Supply and TNCs. It weighs approximately 45 pounds and he has already used it successfully. He has a 100 amp hour battery and believes that he can operate for about 2 days in the field.

Wayne and Alan discussed and demonstrated DMR (digital mobile radio) repeater for the club. Alan has a new radio from CSI that is setup for DMR and Wayne reported that a DMR repeater is about \$2000. Jeff mentioned that Connect Systems may come out with a new \$500 repeater. One problem with adding a DMR repeater to the water tower is that there is no internet connection available. In addition, a new pair will be required. Since it’s digital technology, the bandwidth is smaller and pairs are being granted between existing repeaters. A discussion and Questions/Answers followed. Wayne asked for a show of hands of people that would be interested.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:35 pm. Cookies followed.

The meeting was adjourned until May 19, 2014.

Submitted by Dave Routzon W5GT, Secretary.