

North Richland Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 24, 2014
The Corner Café, North Richland Hills, Texas

The Meeting was called to order by the President at 7:58 am. The Secretary certified that a quorum was present.

Present: President Wayne Wilson (WR5S)
Vice President Jeff Robinson (N5XHI)
Secretary Dave Routzon (W5GT)
Treasurer Alan Schiller (W5ADS)
Public Information Officer Linda Robinson (N5XHK)
Education Officer Michelle Spears (W5MRS)
At-Large Board Member Doyle Hardy (K5HTE)
Bob Norris (AK5U) Field Day Coordinator/Repeater Committee Chairman

Not Present: At-Large Board Member Harry Monck (KE5MLV)
At-Large Board Member Lowell Martin (W5HP)
At-Large Board Member Jim Lee (WB4GWX)
Director of Emergency Communications Hugh Underwood (W5HAU)

1) Minutes of the Last Board Meeting The last Board Meeting was held on April 19, 2014. The Minutes were previously distributed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented, which was passed by acclamation.

2) Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's report was previously distributed indicating a balance of \$1904.19. A motion was made to accept the report as distributed, which was passed by acclamation.

4) Repeater/Field Day Bob reported he has tried several times to get the repeater from Jim, but it apparently is still not working.

He has captains For GOTA, 20 meters, and UHF. He also has a training session volunteer. Bernard will teach on Base Loaded antennas. However, Bob still needs volunteers for 40 meters, Safety, Setup, and Teardown. Linda and Jeff again volunteered to do Food.

4) Fox Hunt The Fox Hunt was held as scheduled on Saturday April 12. Linda and Jeff Robinson served as the "Fox". The batteries received from Wayne worked to power the FOX the entire time. The winners of the transmitter hunt month were Sharlene KG5AOW, Rich KF5OVH, Zane KE5WID. The hunt started out with just one team and then at about 11:30 added a second team with Ken KM5DRX just leaving the CERT class. Rich's team won in the end, after a few clues were given (books, ice house, etc.).

5) Testing Hugh, Harry, and Wayne tested after the last Technician class.

6) **Education** Michelle asked if we needed a General or Technician class next. The consensus was a General class. Michelle will verify this at the Club meeting. A schedule will be set after that. As usual, it depends on having teachers available*.

7) **Program** Jeff reported that the calendar for programs is complete through the year.

April: Ed Williams (KE5UCT) on a digital Go-kit as well as a presentation and demonstration of DMR by Wayne and Alan

May: Bob Norris, Field Day preparation. Also a showing of the DVD entitled "The Last BIG Field Day".

A discussion ensued again on a DMR (digital mobile radio) repeater for the club. Alan has a new radio from CSI that is setup for DMR and Wayne again repeated that a DMR repeater is about \$2000. Alan 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. However, such a repeater allows world-wide communications directly from a handheld. There will be a presentation by Alan and Wayne on DMR following Ed's Go Kit presentation. The discussion was again tabled until after DMR is presented to the club and the reaction of the membership can be gauged.

8) **Sirens** Alan reported that all sirens will be covered when the weather cooperates on future tests.

9) **Scouts** Alan said that have been invited to attend the next club meeting and also help at Field Day. In the past Hugh has invited them, but actual participation has been minimal.

10) **Repeater status*** Bob reported that he has been in constant contact with Jim Lee and problems keep cropping up on the repeater that was supposed to be in working condition. Bob will pick up the repeater once Jim has it working.

11) **PIO** Linda reported that the next News Letter is almost ready for publication.

* Follow Up required

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:01 am.

The Board was adjourned until the May meeting currently scheduled for May 17.