

Meeting of the North Richland Hills ARC July 28, 2014

Fire Training Center, North Richland Hills, Texas

The monthly Meeting was called to order by the President, Wayne Wilson at 7:00 pm.

Present:

- President: Wayne Wilson (WR5S)
- Vice President: Jeff Robinson (N5XHI)
- Secretary: Dave Routzon (W5GT)
- Treasurer: Alan Schiller (W5ADS)
- Emergency Coordinator: Hugh Underwood (W5HAU)
- At-Large Board Member: Lowell Martin (W5HP)
- At-Large Board Member: Jim Lee (WB4GWX)
- PIO: Linda Robinson (N5XHK)

Absent:

- At-Large Board Member: Doyle Hardy (K5HTE)
- At-Large Board Member: Harry Monck (KE5MLV)
- Education Officer: Michelle Spears (W5MRS)

28 total attendees signed in.

President Wayne Wilson asked for the following reports:

- 1) **Secretary:** Dave was unable to attend the June meeting (Field Day), so no report is available.
- 2) **Treasurer:** Alan reported that the balance on hand at the end of July was \$1643.30.
- 3) **Vice President:** Jeff announced that August's meeting will be our President, Wayne Wilson on scanners. September will be Kent Weeks (WA5XYS) and Broadband Hamnet. Rita Brown (KF5BWU) will be the October speaker with the Medical Reserve Corps.. Jeff is looking for programs for 2015, so contact him with your ideas.
- 4) **Education Officer:** Michelle (W5MRS) was not present.
- 5) **Siren Test** Alan Schiller (W5ADS) reported that the next siren test will be Wednesday August 6. Alan said that he will get a reminder out next month on the Monday before the test in hopes of having a better attendance. Wayne suggested that he send several reminders.
- 6) **440 Machine Status:** Jim Lee (WB4GWX) reported that the repeater should be finished in time for the 8/1 deadline. He has moved the controller to the top slot in the cabinet and just has some final cabling to do. Bob will pick up the controller on or before Friday (8/1) to get it ready for installation. A Polyphaser lightening arrester has yet to be installed.
- 7) **PIO.** Linda sent out Field Day announcements to various news sources. Jeff reminded us that it isn't necessary for Field Day points for them to publish our announcement, merely that we send them a press release. We were mentioned in several articles.
- 8) **FOX Hunt.** As one of the winners of the recent Fox Hunt, Rich KF5OVH, said that there is no date scheduled for the next Fox Hunt.
- 9) **Testing:** Lowell reported that there will be testing at the Library on July 29.
- 10) **Emergency Coordinator:** Hugh announced that there would be no CERT class this fall. Hugh has been able to setup several FEMA classes this fall and space is limited:

- a) An AUXCOM class is scheduled for August 23 and 30. This is a class intended for Hams and how they fit in to the Emcomm process, including support in the EOC. It's a 20 hour class and ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 are prerequisites.
- b) COML (All-Hazards Communication Unit Leader) class is scheduled for September 6, 13 and 14.
- c) COMT (All-Hazards Communication Technician) class is scheduled for October 11, 12, 18 and 19. ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 are prerequisites for these classes as well.

Hugh emphasized that these classes are very difficult to find and attendance is very limited. Sign-up sheets were passed around.

11) Program: Bob Norris presented this year's official Field Day results. Although ambient noise and poor solar conditions were a major problems this year, we actually beat last year's score (3140).

Bonus Points		1330
QSOs		
	CW	72 (x2)
	Digital	139 (x2)
	Phone	<u>562</u>
Total		773
QSO points		984
Power X2		1968
QSO Score		<u>1968</u>
FD Point Total		3298

Bob reported that the noise source has been located and is a transformer on a pole across Mid Cities. ONCOR has been notified.

Setup went well with the exception of the wind. It impacted the raising of the beam on Friday night and was still a problem on Saturday, although the beam was finally raised prior to the beginning of the contest. Food was excellent as usual and thanks go to Jeff, Linda and Chic Fil A and especially, Lee Legoretta KF5MGU.

The GOTA sign in sheet needs revision, since it is still difficult for Bob to reconcile GOTA results after the weekend. All that should be needed is a separate sheet for each participant with Name, < 18 and contacts. A water-proof log sheet and pen should be considered. Staples and rainwriter.com are sources. Finally, we should consider retiring the FD sign. It's large, cumbersome and is showing signs of wear. Alternatives need to be considered.

Bob received a well-deserved round of applause for all the work he has put in on Field Day over the last several years. He is stepping down and Wayne is looking for a new coordinator for next year.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:10 pm. Cookies followed.

The meeting was adjourned until August 25, 2014.

Submitted by Dave Routzon W5GT, Secretary.