

# RRVARC Meeting Secretary Report

February 24, 2024

The Club officers met on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting a number of policies were adopted. We will give you a quick recap of those policies, but we will wait to fully explain them at a later date out of respect to our guest speaker. Those action items were:

- Rick Leonhardt and Dan Beard agreed to investigate the website submission of an application to Austin College in Sherman. They have a grant writing program that we are attempting to get involved with. If approved we will be assigned a paid for intern. If not approved, we are still invited to send a couple of our people to their two-day grant writing workshop. The awards will be announced in mid-April.
- Kelly Collins was reimbursed for a new Yaesu DX2R repeater which has been installed.
- We determined that we will sell the old Yaesu DR1X repeater with the procedures to be established by an executive committee.
- A determination was made to keep the 146.76 repeater in its current hardware configuration. Again, this will be detailed more at a later date.
- A determination was made to buy two repeater controllers.
- A resolution “Expired Members Policy” was passed.
- The officers voted to accept changes made to a “New Member Application”.
- The Secretary was directed to add a web page and forum post on the subject of preps for the April 8 solar eclipse. I was further directed to attempt to map member locations for geographical situational awareness during this and other events.
- The Board approved the 2024 budget. The budget will be published to the site soon. All full members may view it.

- The board coordinated how to get the proposed Constitution & Bylaws changes in front of members for a vote. The Secretary was directed to explore electronic voting options. I will elaborate on that now.

The C&B says these two specific things – Members at a meeting must vote on C&B changes and that the vote must be by secret ballot. There are two plans in effect here, one is for us having enough to vote these things up or down right here and now and if not then in an effort to get all members the chance to vote on these provisions we are going to recess the meeting when we leave rather than adjourning. That gives us the chance to send a secure electronic ballot to each member ensuring each full member in good standing has the chance to vote once. Those numbers will be tallied at the March meeting where we will reconvene from recess, announce the vote total, adjourn the meeting and then start the March meeting. See how hard it is to get the total that we need?

Under current rules, with fifteen members that are expired due to non-payment of dues. A small number were current last year but did not remit dues by February 1<sup>st</sup>, while the balance have been inactive and/or have not paid dues for an extended period. We have two people that are moving here from California and paid dues but have not submitted a membership application (Bernice (KN6VDH) and John (KN6VDG) Kelley). We have one recent applicant (R.C. “Bob” Lewis (KA7TXE) and two unlicensed associate members (Thomas Ramler and Jim Bell IV).

Active members is 48. Voting eligible is 48 -2 associate members and -2 who have paid dues but not been vetted with an application. That puts us at 44.  $44/3=14.6 \times 2=29.2$ , so we need 30 members to vote and move our C&B piece. Do we have 30 full members present?

At this point we can vote to ratify Bob Lewis (KA7TXE) as a full member of the Club, ask him questions, ask him to leave the room so that we can talk about him behind his back; how would the group like to proceed?

Joe Early (N5FVN) recently went SK. He is a former member of the Club and his passing has been noted on the Club website.

Yesterday I finished and uploaded the Secretary’s Report and Meeting Minutes for January. I am fine with leaving them up for review and we can vote to approve them next month or we can vote to approve them now and if anyone spots an error drop me a note, I will fix it and we can vote to approve the fixes next month, your choice.