



# Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2024

*Special thanks to Cliff Leath, T. Wayne Moore, Mark Perrine, Terry Haneke and Bill Townsend for assistance in taking Meeting Minutes notes. - Phillip*

## Opening:

1. The regular meeting of the Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 10:04AM on July 27, 2024 at the High Cotton Kitchen by Club President Mark Johnson.
2. Present were twenty-three total, twenty-one members and two visitors. Members present were Phillip Beall (W5EBC), Danial Beard (KB7JZI), Kelly Collins (W5KJC), George Haneke (NV7Z), Terry Haneke (KE5FRQ), Don Heetderks (KJ5EQS), Jesse Hembree (KI5BNE), Randy Holland (N5DDS), Mark Johnson (W5PTX), Jeff Laughlin (KJ5DNA), Cliff Leath (KI5OPP), Kim Ledbetter (KI5VLH), Rick Leonhardt (NN7ET), Haskell Maroney (KI5VGQ), T. Wayne Moore (KC5KOH), Charles Penry (WA5VHU), Mark Perrine (KI5KNX), Kevin Sao (KK7BZE)\*, Thomas Sorensen (AF5WO)\*, Johnny Thomas (WB5JT), William "Bill" Townsend (KJ5ABG), James Yost (KA8FRK) and Bailey. James Esplin (KD7UWX) and Jeffrey Johnson (KF5HKI) from Mt. Pleasant were also in attendance as visitors.

\*Awaiting membership confirmation vote.

## Meeting:

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Cliff Leath.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Kim Ledbetter.

## Administrative Reporting and Action:

Mark Johnson chaired the meeting, asked if there were any visitors, guests or new members? He recognized Kevin Sao (KK7BZE)\* as a new member and Thomas Sorensen (AF5WO)\* who rejoined, both awaiting a confirmation vote, as well as James Esplin (KD7UWX) and Jeffrey Johnson (KF5HKI) in attendance as visitors.

## Old Business:

### Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Rick Leonhardt reported cash on hand \$1,024. Other details available to members via the website. MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT by Terry Haneke, SECONDED by Mark Perrine; MOTION PASSED.



# Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes

- 2. Secretary's Report: Phillip reported that all meeting minutes were current to date and requested approval for the June 2024 minutes. MOTION TO ACCEPT JUNE MINUTES AS CURRENT ON THE SITE by Rick Leonhard, SECONDED by Jame Yost; MOTION APPROVED.

On membership recruitment efforts, securing four new members and one rejoin at Field Day 2024. Barry Bryant (KJ5AXI), Kevin Sao (KK7BZE), Audie Earlie (KW3J), Martin Struss (KD7QZA) and former member Thomas Sorensen (AF5WO).

Mark Johnson asked if the members would wish to move on these applications? MOTION TO ACCEPT by Dan Beard, SECONDED by Johnny Thomas; ALL ACCEPTED.

Secretary's Report continued: For Field Day 2025 we again locked up W5W for our tactical call sign. Website usage statistics, sponsorship development, licensing of Washington Post radar hole article, "Unofficial Call Sign List", library, etc. Those and other details are available on the Club website (<https://www.wb5rdd.org/meeting-minutes/>).

### New Business:

Who?	What?
Rick Leonhardt	Quick update on grant requests. Both Fannin County club and RRVARC are working on radar grants.
Dan Beard	Update on non-Club repeater going up in Clarksville. Requested anyone willing to help with site clean up to contact Cliff Leath.
Kelly Collins	Informed the group that Lake Crook has been massively cleaned up, has RV connections and might warrant an inspection for Field Day and/or other activities.

### Announcements:

Who?	What?
T. Wayne Moore	Even though the Club does not officially



## Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club

### Meeting Minutes

	participate with the Lion's Club at the Fair, they could still use some help if anyone is willing. Please contact Kelly Collins if you are able to participate.
Mark Johnson on behalf of Jerry Keisler	Books on Parks on the Air and Covert Radio Ops available for loan.
Rick Leonhardt	Reminded the group that the Club website has a Ham News page with a highly automated update process running. Check there daily for ham news.

#### Program:

Who?	What?
Mark Johnson	Field Day and Tour de Paris 2024 debrief, assisted by Charles Penry and Phillip Beall.

What else?	
Information/lessons from the discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark told the group that we rescued a stolen dog.</li> <li>• We need to encourage the Chamber to bring back resupply.</li> <li>• Randy Holland told the group that APRS usage at TDP substantially improved situational awareness for all involved. He encouraged us to continue developing that resource going forward.</li> </ul>
New Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to wear our own shirts to sell our brand at functions.</li> <li>• We need to get signage for vehicles and other visibility pieces that say things like "Comms Provided RRVARC". Signs for trucks, flags, banners, etc.</li> </ul>



# Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes

--	--

### Drawing:

1. Who won: Haskell Maroney
2. How much: \$59
3. Disposition (i.e. kept half, gave back to club, etc.): Haskell returned the \$59 to the Club.

### Closing:

Motion to adjourn by Bill Townsend, Mark Perrine; MOTION PASSED.

### Ongoing Meeting Minutes Distribution:

If anyone with a keen eye notices any mistakes in the list attached at the end, including in the order of arrangement, please email ([phillipbeall@beallz.net](mailto:phillipbeall@beallz.net)) and let me know. Thanks - Phillip