



Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2024

Opening:

1. The regular meeting of the Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 10:00AM on September 28, 2024 at the High Cotton Kitchen by Club President Mark Johnson (W5PTX).
2. Present were twenty-five total, all members. Members present were Kathy Beall (W5WON), Phillip Beall (W5EBC), Dan Beard (KB7JZI), Connie Beard (KB7JZH)*, George Haneke (NV7Z), Terry Haneke (KE5FRQ), Randy Holland (N5DDS), Mark Johnson (W5PTX), Jerry Keisler (WA5KZA), Cliff Leath (KI5OPP)*, Kim Ledbetter (KI5VLH), Judy Malone (KG5MPX), Haskell Maroney (KI5VGQ)*, Charles Naslund (ZL3ZWN), Shannon Naslund (ZL3SVN), Charles Penry (WA5VHU), Mike Rice (WB5KWK), Ronnie Rumsey (KA5LEK), Leo Salas (N5JEP), Thresa Salas (KE5JPM), Kevin Sao (KK7BZE), Steven Lott Smith (KG5VK), Zogail Smith (KB5KBE), Johnny Thomas (WB5JT) and William "Bill" Townsend (KJ5ABG).

Meeting:

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mark Johnson.
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? There were none.

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Rick Leonhardt was not present to make the report. MOTION TO POSTPONE TREASURER'S REPORT by Ronnie Rumsey, SECONDED by Mike Rice; MOTION APPROVED.
2. Secretary's Report: Phillip reported:
 - a. No new member applications.
 - b. That all meeting minutes were current to date and requested approval for the August 2024 minutes. MOTION TO ACCEPT AUGUST MINUTES AS CURRENT ON THE SITE by Dan Beard, SECONDED by Mike Rice; MOTION APPROVED.
 - c. Secretary's Report continued: Additional administrative details are available on the Club website.

Old Business:

Who?	What?
Jerry Keisler	Fox Hunts recap
Mark Johnson	<p>Board of Directors meeting – September 17th. Of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members can now have the logo put onto any garment item they wish. Burnt orange is still the Club official color. A person may not use the Club logo and produce items for sale without Club approval.• Due to their limited availability, going forward WiFi hotspots may not be ordered directly by members with a TechSoup account. Orders must be coordinated through the Club Treasurer to ensure everyone fairly has access.• Christmas Party – December 9th, 6PM, Lamar County Electric Co-op.

New Business:

Who?	What?
None	None

Announcements:

Who?	What?
Phillip Beall	Jerry Keisler won the award for being the first person to spot that no presentation was scheduled for October. He received a Baofeng UV-17R and the book The Guerrilla's Guide To The Baofeng Radio . He subsequently gifted both to Cliff Leath.
Charles Penry	EHAM (link) – is a good online resource for reviews on radio gear.
Bill Townsend	Ham Alert (iOS link here , Android link here) – suggested everyone look into Ham Alert app. From the app: “HamAlert is a system that allows amateur radio operators to get notifications when a desired station appears on the Reverse Beacon

	Network, SOTAwatch, the DX cluster or PSK Reporter.” A link will be provided on the Club website.
Ronnie Rumsey	New GMRS repeater up in New Boston (462.700)
Jerry Keisler	Fox Hunts – twice monthly, weather restrictions, see Club website for details.
Jerry Keisler	Books available for loan from personal library.
Mark Johnson	Award nominations open – Please contact an officer with recommendations.
Mark Johnson	Winter Field Day – January 25 th . See Club website for details.

Presentation:

Who?	What?
Mark Johnson	Ham Radio Websites & Software (link here) – slide presentation to be included on website with meeting minutes.

Drawing:

1. Who won: Charles Naslund.
2. How much: \$65 - Disposition (i.e. kept half, gave back to club, etc.): Charles returned the \$65 to the Club.

Closing:

Motion to adjourn by Mike Rice, Ronnie Rumsey; 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) and let me know. Thanks - Phillip

*Phone