

## May 4, 2024 4 States Amateur Radio Club Meeting

President Adam Huggins began the meeting by asking KE5CQB, J.W., to open with prayer. President then led the group in the Pledge to the United States Flag and followed that with a round of introductions of all in attendance. President announced today would count as the annually required board meeting.

Secretary, W5TXK, Richard, had an accident and was not able to attend the meeting and the minutes were not available to be presented and/or read. President talked briefly about the business that was conducted last month which included: A vote to put \$400 into funding for food at the May 11 Tailgate sale; a vote to purchase Band pass filters to be used at club events, but those costs had been incurred by individuals who agreed not to take club funds for those purchases, but that they would be available for use at club events; also, the club voted to appoint K5TXK, Reggie, as chairman/coordinator for 2024 Field Day and that the event would happen at Spring Lake Park. KF5UV moved to accept the minutes as talked about. KI7DZP, Evan, seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Treasurer, KG5BOC, Greg English, reported that the club had compensated KI5NHZ, Greg Waits, for the Tailgate sale Raffle's grand prize, a Yaesu FT710 radio, and that the Sparklight internet bill had been paid. No monetary amounts were given out due to the public location and audience that was able to listen in on the club's business.

President moved on to New Business, asking Vice President KI5NHZ, Greg, to discuss what the Tailgate sale committee had planned for the May 11 Tailgate Sale. Greg described all the decisions that had been made, prizes to be given away, and then took names of volunteers to help prepare for the event on Friday and Saturday morning.

President moved to the topic of Field Day on June 22-23 and asked K5TXK to report on the planning for that event. Reggie said they were planning to provide sandwich trays and drinks for lunch and recommended the club provide a budget of \$250 toward food and drinks. KI7DZP seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

KF5VWN, Arthur, Club Trustee, said that it was coming time to replace the batteries on the 62 repeater location and that they would be looking into what needs to be done on that. He said that one of the 4 batteries that were on the system had gone missing and whoever took it had taken the time to disconnect the cables and reconnect them so that the other three batteries still functioned as intended. D-star had been down for a few days which turned out to be the internet router needed to be reset. The computer that operates Broadcastify had died and the reason was unknown. There was discussion of whether funding had been voted on last year to replace the batteries, but at that time it was determined the batteries weren't as old as had been thought.

President spoke toward the Freedom Link repeaters: WX5CSS Bryan and KA5LEK Ronnie were at the Sulphur Springs tower in an effort to correct antennas and coax problems.

KM5A reported she is still working to get the GMRS location in place and operating; she is hoping to get it done this week.

AF5JR, Steve requested permission from the club for the Freedom Link Group to sell their raffle tickets at the Tailgate Sale and there was no objection. Motion to adjourn by Greg English, Second by Evan, and it passed.