

**4 States Amateur Radio Club
Club Meeting Minutes**

January 4, 2025

President David Putman, KF5UV, called the meeting to order to 9:00 am. J.W. Alexander, KE5CQB, led in the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The president began by thanking last year's officers for their service to the club.

The current officers, directors and the trusty introduced themselves and shared their thoughts with the club. Club members introduced themselves along with their guests. Forty-two members and guests signed in for the meeting.

Club secretary Kyle Elkins, KD5UTP, read the minutes from last month's meeting. David Glenn, KF5VAE made a motion to accept the minutes; Evan Vestre, KI7DZP, seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Greg English, KG5BOC, presented the financial report. He shared the club's financial balance before dues had been deposited. He talked about the benefits and savings due to paying the cable bill for the year in full. Motion was made by Ronnie Rumsey, KA5LEK, that the treasurer pay the cable bill for the year in full again. Even Vestre, KI7DZP, seconded. The motion passed. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committees

The president called for the establishment of a Financial Committee to review the books of the club according to the current by-laws. Jerry Olson, KJ5ARD, J.W. Alexander, KE5CQB, and David Glenn, KF5VAE, volunteered to serve on this committee.

The president then called for volunteers to serve on the committee to review the current by-laws of the club. Adam Huggins, WW5WH, Karl Threet, KD5KWT, and Clarence Shillings, WB5BYV, will serve on this committee.

A call by the president for volunteers to serve on the Tailgate Committee followed. This committee will be Greg Waits, KI5NHZ, Karen Houston, KM5A, and Harold Minter, KJ5BNS. The tailgate is to be held May 31, 2025 at the pavilion in downtown New Boston. David Glenn has made the reservation.

Old Business

The president called for discussion on the Liability Certificate. Due to the nature of this issue, a committee was formed to investigate with those outside the club who are familiar with insurance. The committee is made up of Karl Threet, KD5KWT and Rudy Hatridge, AF5EY. They will work with Treasurer Greg English

Karen Houston, KM5A, discussed the purchase of new batteries. This had been approved at a previous meeting. The purchase of a new controller was discussed. Cost of controller is estimated

to be \$288.00 plus tax. Greg Waits, KI5NHZ made the motion, and Robert Ward, N5TXK, seconded. The motion passed.

At this time, the president brought up the necessity of having a two-signature policy for checks, according to the current by-laws. The treasurer and one club officer would be required to sign checks. Motion and a second to set up a two-signature requirement passed.

In the absence of Arthur Christy, KF5VWN, some members shared some thoughts about the quality of sound coming from the repeater at times.

Information about the Freedom Link Repeater was shared by Ronnie Rumsey, KA5LEK. Some repeaters are down and a meshtastic network is in the works.

The renewal of the club website was brought up for any discussion or update. This is to be carried over until Authur Christy could be present.

New Business

Winter Field Day will be held January 25 at the Pearson Eye Institute, 3211 Sugar Hill Road.

Greg Waits, KI5NHZ made a motion to express the club's gratitude to Lewis Pearson, KB5IOC, for the use of his building for this and past field days. Reggie McFaul, K5TXK, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clarence Shillings, WB5BYV, Matt Harwell, K5NTT, and Mike Rice, WB5KWK, were recognized and presented gift cards by Karen Houston for holding their ham tickets the longest. All three were fifty years plus.

A motion and second to adjourn the meeting passed.

Kyle Elkins, Secretary
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