

TIDELANDS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting June 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President James Luhn, W5A00, at 1910.

First was an introduction of those present. Those present were:

James, W5A00 (Vice-President)

John, KC5LAA (Secretary)

Joe, AA5OP (Treasurer)

Wink, N5ECE

Bill, KE5MOX

Kerry, KF5WDU

Bill, WA5WVP

Michael, KT5MR

Dave, K8DY

David, KE5PPF

Eric, KF5RUW

David, AE5PX

Louis, WB5BMB

Thierry Weber, Visitor

Sandra Weber, Visitor

John, KC5LAA, read the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Joe, AA5OP, gave the treasurers report.

Old Business:

James, W5A00, said they worked museum ships weekend at the Alyssa. There were 102 ships on the air that weekend and they had 4 stations running part of the time. 4 hours Saturday and 5 hours Sunday. 2 stations averaged 800 contacts on 6, 10, 40 18, 15, and 20 meters. They had a telescoping dipole, a transworld vertical and a 20 meter vertical. It was extremely hot on Saturday, not so bad on Sunday.

Joe was on Boliver where Cookie's crew represented the submarine Stewart and the destroyer escort Cavalla.

Michael worked with Michael Monseur on a 20/40 meter antenna using 4 hamsticks.

James then talked about an N1MM logbook. It helps to know if you have a duplicate.

It was a fun event. We should do more like this.

James said in reference to the aluminum tripod he demonstrated last month, that when working from EOC at Texas City, used cross-band repeat. 440 band HT to 2 meter mobile. He put tripod on pallet in bed of truck, using a Diamond X50. It worked great.

James also reminded us to please ID when keying up the repeater.

Regarding the hamfest, the mailout is done. We have a website texascityhamfest.org. We will be sending another mailout shortly.

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We have 23 tables reserved and 4 more pending. Borden Radion Co. will be a vendor. \$490.00 has been deposited.

Bill gave the secretary a copy of the Hamfest Budget Report for June 11, 2015.

New Business:

Field Day: We will hold field day on Saturday, June 27, at the Presbyterian church.

John, KC5LAA, said that there was apparently a problem with the old radio equipment at La Marque. Louie, WB5BMB, said that the dual band radio at La Marque belongs to the city. Lou is will get with Charlene (EOC coordinator) and check out the radio.

Bill, WA5WVB, showed us his "Apple watch", which is made with an arduino board in a 3D printed case.

Michael, KT5MR, has been playing with 6 meters. 6 meters is a "magic" band. It is VHF but sometimes you can reach over the horizon. The band may only be open for an hour or two at a time. But there is a \$20 receiver that receives 20kHz to 1750kHz so he can listen for beacon stations from bedroom. He knows when the band is open.

This weekend is VHF contest. There will be a lot of hams on the air. Lots of opportunity.

There followed a lot of discussion on satellites.

Meeting adjourned at 2010.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 9, 1945.

s/ John, KC5LAA
Recording Secretary