

**TIDELANDS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

Minutes of Meeting March 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Cookie, K5EWJ, at 1900.

Those present were:

Cookie, K5EWJ (President)  
Joe, WA5OMB (Vice President)  
Joe, AA5OP (Treasurer)  
Bo, KT1AA (Secretary)  
John, WA5UUP  
Curt, WB5UZZ  
John, KC5LAA  
Wes, KF5UKF  
Bill, WA5WVP  
Walt, W5ALT  
John, WA5TCD  
Louis, WB5BMB  
Michael, KK5LL  
Bill Chamberlain, Guest (Winks Son)

That's 14 attendees.

Bo KT1AA read the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting. Joe AA5OP motioned to accept, John KC5LAA Seconded the Motion for February minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Joe AA5OP provided the treasurer's report. The end of February bank account balance was \$12,716.53. There were transactions in February That will show on March Statement, so the end of February balance is \$12,716.53.

Cookie K5EWJ informed members of the passing of James Luhn, W5A00. He was a very active member of TARS and helped everyone get up and running in any way he could. He will be deeply missed.

There has been an ask for Volunteers to help with the organization and prep of the 2017 TC TARS Hamfest, it was stated that Ken was the only one that stepped up last year and ran with it.

Cookie discussed some aspects of the field days:

Rick KE5BZE is Chairman of Field Days and will be organizing the Summer Field Day, the Club is also asking for Volunteers for the Field Day Activities and operations to help reduce the stress of just one or two members exhausting themselves to get things up and going each time.

Bill WA5WVP and Joe AA5OP have expressed that they would like to step down as the organizers and doers of all things of the TC Hamfest, They are feeling burned out after many years of service to TARS and the events .

Joe AA5OP discussed about maybe the Club would purchase new Repeater equipment, and maybe if we discontinue Hamfest to maybe do some Tailgates or Raffles to raise funds for the club.

There was some brief discussions of what some would do or not do with their radios and equipment when they pass away.

There was brief discussion about how to get volunteers for upcoming years in officers positions and events. Cookie wants members to think about what to do with the club and how to grow popularity in community.

Joe AA5OP discussed the Hamfest progress and that MTL, Grapevine, and Sign Man have confirmed this year, and that we will not be opening up the Convention Center Friday Night for MTL.

Possible could bump doors from 5am to 4am on Saturday Morning for setup.

Joe WA5OMB did a presentation on Basic Electricity part 1, and discussed a letter he got from DX Engineering wishing to do a live presentation via Skype at our next meeting.

Joe AA5OP Motioned to Adjourn, Cookie seconded. Meeting

adjourned at 2034.

The next meeting will be at the North County Building on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

s/ Bo, KT1AA  
Recording Secretary