

## 05/08/2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Club President, Dave Rawley N3AT, began the Board Meeting at approximately 7:30pm

The Net Coordinator, Dave Grimes K3HRT, reported that the Holly Net and Wednesday Night Nets were doing well.

The Club W3VPR Trustee, Bill Ryan N3RY, reported that he has been monitoring the repeater traffic with no significant incidents to report.

The Audio / Video Representative, Dave Earnest W3RDE, reported that the A/V system 2<sup>nd</sup> camera upgrade was on track and would be at or slightly under budget. He also reported that the staff photo slideshow was about 85% completed. Dave reported that he will be unavailable for next week's Membership Meeting due to a travel schedule. The impact of that would be the potential loss of the hybrid meeting capability.

The Vice President, Will Muzlera-Mooney KA3UQQ, reported the following:

- Will is engaged with lining up presentations including tentative presentations recommended by Dave Earnest W3RDE including Dan Van Hoy K7DAN and Bill Bonilla AF4LL. The presentations for June will likely be related to Field Day.
- With regard to Field Day, it was discussed that we would share our facility with the Bowie Wireless Association for Field Day, which we have done with others in the past.
- The Satellite Committee requested the purchase misc. items costing about \$350, but they were still well under the \$1200 budget. It was further discussed that the ICOM 9700 firmware needed to be updated, possibly requiring a SD card reader and needing to update Ham Radio Deluxe which would be used for rig control. Both of those items are also expected to be within budget.
- An overview of Ham Radio Online service was briefly discussed as a possible solution to our problems getting a membership quorum for voting in new members, keeping better track of our membership, dues collection, election voting, surveys and other club related activities. Further research is needed and a more formal presentation will be made at a membership meeting next month, if it is deemed appropriate.

Secretary, David Grimes K3HRT, reported that the April Board Meeting Minutes, as well as Membership Meeting minutes had been set out for review with no comment or changes requested. It was agreed that the April Board Meeting Minutes would be accepted as an official record and posted.

The Information Officer: Ed Santilli KB3YMU, reported that Ford Hall came online last weekend marking our latest addition to our campus network. This is likely the last building apart from the "dog people". It is uncertain what our spill over signal is to them without upgrading our WAP to the U6 WAP outdoor model. Approval is needed to purchase the U6 WAP as well as a switch which will cost about \$200 and be presented at the Membership Meeting. This purchase and upgrade will also support extending the network into Ike's workshop, improved security options such as card reader access and security cameras and Field Day operations.

The Treasurer reported that the budget was doing well with no problems except being able to change over the Google account billing.

The auction of a ICOM 910 transceiver and 500-watt amplifier was discussed such the club members could participate in the auction.

The Membership Secretary said that he has everything he needs to consolidate the membership records, dues payment, new member testing, etc.

The Facilities Manager reported that the clubhouse would be cleaned and ready for VEC license testing on Saturday.

A vote was taken and the April Board Meeting Minutes were officially approved.

It was clarified that the Board voted in favor of further research of the Ham Radio Online service with the intent of presenting it to the membership for approval.

The May AARC Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.