

Texas VHF-FM Society
General Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 6, 2011
Austin, Texas – SummerFest

Directors Present:

Royce Taylor – KA5OHJ President
Craig Green – KV5E Vice President
Larry Essary – K5XG Secretary
Frank Hormann – KM5I Treasurer
George Cshanin – W2DB NEWS editor
Bill McDonald - AK5DX
Gerald Richmond – N5ZXJ
Louis Petit - WB5BMB
Andy Carstarphen - WY5V

Frequency Coordinators present:

Paul Baumgardner - W5PSB State Frequency Coordinator
Paul Finch - WB5IDM Zone 1 440 MHz
Eric Schmidt - KA5WMY Zones 2 & 3
Craig Green - KV5E Zone 1

President Royce Taylor called the general meeting to order.

Taylor asked Secretary Essary to read the minutes of the previous general meeting. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes based on them being published in the newsletter. The motion received a 2nd and passed unanimously.

Taylor called on Treasurer Hormann to read the treasurer report. Checking account balance as of 8/5/2011 is 5,056.46. Savings account balance as of 7/31/2011 is \$32,741.66. A motion was made and a 2nd was received to accept the Treasurer's report as read. It passed unanimously.

Taylor stated that there had been an audit of the Society accounting records and that all is as it should be.

The next order of business was the 2 meter digital band plan. Mike Chitteneden, AE5IV, made a technical presentation. After the technical presentation there were several members who spoke on the agenda item. Following the member comments there was a vote on the motion. The vote totals were as follows:

FOR 26
AGAINST 52
ABSTENTION 1

The motion was defeated.

Paul Baumgardner, SFC, stated that the STAs for the 2 meter digital repeaters on simplex frequencies are now ended and those coordinations are now revoked.

Chris Boone, WB5ITT, made the following motion - Digital duplex pairs be allow to operate on splinter channels 10 KHz spaced from current channels on VHF and 220 MHz, plus 12.5 KHz spacing from current channels on UHF and 10/12.5 KHz spaced from current channels on 900 MHz and above with a 50 mile spacing from all adjacent pairs and does not require approval from adjacent channel trustees. This motion received a 2nd by Michael Lay.

There was discussion on this motion. Taylor stated that since the motion concerned standards of coordination that the motion is automatically tabled until the Summer meeting in 2012.

There was a 10 minute break in the meeting.

President Taylor re-convened the meeting and called for nominations from the floor. None being herd a motion was made and received a 2nd to close nominations. The motioned passed. Taylor asked all members to mark their ballots.

During the voting process Taylor continues the meeting.

The next item of business was the budget. Taylor read the items that were in the new yearly budget. A motion was made to approve the budget and it received a 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Taylor asked for director comments. Secretary Essary stated that the only correspondence received were three emails regarding the 2 meter Digital poll. Essary said all of those comments had been voiced at this meeting

Louis Petite made a presentation on possible threats to amateur frequencies.

Taylor asked for any new or old business from the floor.

A motion was made by Maurice Martin, KM5RF, that the 2 meter simplex band plan not be revisited for 5 years. The motion received a 2nd. Taylor stated that since the motion concerned standards of coordination that the motion is automatically table for one year.

Taylor continued asking for director comments. George Csahanin, W2DB, wanted to thank Eric Schmidt for his help in getting out the last newsletter.

There was a question from the floor regarding the rate for Family Membership. The by-laws state \$1.00 per year but the Society's membership forms indicate \$2.00 per year. Secretary Essary said that he would correct the membership form.

Paul Baumgardner made a coordination report. Total of 1592 repeaters which is an increase of 5 repeater from the previous years. Break down per major area Dallas/Ft.Worth has 25%, Houston has 17%, Austin has 15%, and San Antonio has 11.9%. Repeater renewals were 77% and up from 65% the previous year. 1:41

The meeting was temporarily adjourned to the main meeting room due to time limitation on the existing room. Once reconvened in the new meeting room the results of the director elections were stated.

After the votes were counted the following results were announced. The following people have been elected Directors to serve the 2011-2013 term:

Andy Carstarphen - WY5V

Gerald Richmond - N5ZXJ

Patrcik Soileau - ND5C

Lee Nolan - WB5UEN

Brett Nolan - KC5NER

After the election announcement the meeting was adjourned.