

Texas VHF-FM Society Board Meeting - Belton 04/20/2013

As meeting begins, the question of if a quorum is present comes up. After further checking, it is determined that six directors are present, making a valid quorum.

President Louis Petit calls meeting to order at 13:10

Request for minutes

Noted the Michael has not yet provided minutes for publication
President makes a note to check with director Lay about the minutes and also the location of the banner. Publishing of minutes and vote to approve deferred until they are available. Director LaBlanc notes that audio recordings were made available.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Taylor passes out a paper copy of the report to those present. President determines that directors all have a copy and decides to dispense with the reading of such. We are solvent and president suggests a motion to approve the report. Motion by Treasurer Taylor, seconded by Chuck/Rodger. Motion passes.

Discussion moves to budget preparations. President notes that there are certain items that have to be paid. Mark-NA6M notes that the server has been hosted at his house. He has moved and covered the costs of moving the circuits. Treasurer Taylor also covered cost of renewing two of the three domains. Mark suggests budgeting \$40 for web service and \$30 for domain name renewal.

President has a \$100 discretionary allocation. Treasurer Taylor notes that board members also have \$100 allocation. President Petit will research and verify.

President Petit notes that we will likely have an insurance bill due. President Petit notes that this is about \$200 Mark NA6M notes that this is due in either May or June (likely indicating it will be due before the next expected directors meeting). Treasurer Taylor requests authority to go ahead and pay when due since it is a budgeted item. Motion by director Williams, second by director Richmond. Motion passed.

President notes that since it was already in the budget, we were just re-verifying action by the membership to approve the budget.

Discussion turns to Directors insurance and also the question was asked as to if zone coordinators should also be covered. President suggests bumping amount to \$300. Further discussion around DNO insurance and Mark indicates that the DNO insurance was thought to cost \$800. General Liability likely costs \$200. President suggests coordinators should be added due to their taking action on behalf of the society.

Mark asks if Larry Ersary ever bought the laptop once discussed. Treasurer Taylor and Wife Diana note that he was never provided funds for that purpose. He indicates he has donated the laptop he had to the society. He has an older version (2008?) of Quick-books he thinks he should be able to upgrade. The one purchased and loaded on Frank's laptop was a one time thing and could not be transferred to another computer. Mark cautions to make certain that the hardware will handle the upgrade. He did an upgrade and found that the hardware could not handle. An upgrade would likely cost around \$300. Treasurer Taylor indicated the copy we have will do everything we need and then some. He also has separate checkbook program that he keeps so he has dual bookings so he can verify his work. Someone(Rodger?) looked up the cost for Quick-books and found it costs \$249. System has Windows XP set up with open access to the administrator account.

President Petit mentions that he knows of a person in the Clear lake club, that refurbishes computers, reloads them and donates them to non-profits. He has an Enterprise license that allows him to load as many systems as desired.(license possibly provided by Boeing?)

Questions to what was budgeted for software. President Petit notes \$30 for domain names and \$40 for hosting.

Discussion around board election and who may get re-elected and the need to provide a budget to the incoming board. He indicates not wanting to be re-appointed. Bylaws may restrict incoming board to not being able to change the budget until a Winter general membership meeting. He wants to have a good functioning budget in place for the incoming board to work with.

President Petit asks Are we through with money? Mark mentions RF Projector. Request for what current license amount was. It is \$600. Also notes that Matt has been paying \$100 a month to host RF Projector at Rackspace. So discussed budgeting \$1200 for this. Mark notes that Matt has been working on some additional things that will likely bring down the cost. He expects he will come in under the existing \$600.

Discussion goes to president Petit's knowledge of a new Federal system for spectrum management called Spectrum-21. He had suggested to authorities that they purchase a license for us and in return we would provide them data from our data base. He was never able to complete this effort. His concern was trying to eliminate the issues that arise when Federal and other agencies look for interference they would have our data to feed into that solution.

Mark notes that Matt is working on Longly-Rice integration in RF Projector. Mark has been coaching Matt on how this can be used. Mark notes that he was able to issue a coordination to a requester right on the floor of the hamfest using his smart phone.

President Petit asks if anyone is aware of any coordination issues. Question arose as to what to do about digital/D-star. Several repeaters already on the 1 meg splits. Austin group AARC has one of these and has indicated they are in no hurry to move, although there is a plan that may move it to replace an existing analog allocation. Mark indicates the big issues with renewal is bad email addresses. User go to login, only once a year and can't remember their password, follow the password reset link, email goes to an old address and user never gets it. This ends up with people then sending him emails asking for a reset. President notes that we can't fix bad email addresses.

Mark notes that the NFCC has signed a new Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the ARRL. NFCC has a new web address nfcc.us As part of the move of the website, Mark made an executive decision to move the chatter list that was on a yahoo group controlled by Chris Boone. The mail reflector was moved to the new nfcc website. President Petit noted

that this was something that the ARRL had wanted for a long time(MOU).
Ataboy to Mark for
getting this done.

As part of the change at the NFCC, ARRL wanted to set up a plan for
handling multiple
coordinators in the same geographical area. We can't have someone set up
a website
and then come to us and demand a copy of our data. Mark's proposal was
to handle the
same way we handle adjoining states. We pass our proposals by them, they
pass theirs
by us. President Petit mentions the Hitchcock .04 repeater. Director
Williams mentions
that he has worked with the trustee and he will be moving to .02. He
hasn't moved yet,
but has agreed to do so. President Petit mentions past history with
repeater trustee's
having to file data with the FCC, which would then issue a special WR
call-sign for the
repeater. That no longer applies. Mark asked for current coordinates of
Louis's repeater.
The current coordinates show it to be in the middle of an oil refinery.
President Petit
notes he will supply current data.

Discussion around how everyone can assist coordinators, including using
the log a repeater
on-air function in RF Projector. This information is passed to the
coordinators.
Louis offered to assist coordinators while he travels this year. Rodger
also will do that. Louis has loaner GPS units.

Moving on, President Petit mentions getting the meeting done. Director
Kenworthy asks if
we were going to print directory for the membership. Director Taylor
mentions that we
have decided to not to do that. Mark Mentions that RF Projector has good
search to allow
searches by a number of criteria. Discussions about how best to do this
if wanted.
Director Kenworthy asked if a PDF online would work and he indicated yes.
Diana mentioned
that there are some people that do not have computers or online access.
Question around cost and an informal committee of Mark and Rodger
assigned to come up with
the effort and cost, included to print and mail. Possible request users
to pay/donate
via PayPal.

Questions around if October Belton is iffy since Mike LeFan (long time
arranger) passed away.
Gerald notes that they are still trying to arrange for the hamfest in
October. Question about

where else a board meeting could be held at. Gerald mentioned with notice, he could set up access to the comm center training room over on highway 190. Director Williams noted a need for a map to this site if used. Mention of need for a motion to lock in date and plan ahead.

Motion by Gerald to have October Board meeting in conjunction with the Belton Hamfest and if the hamfest does not happen, we will use the Comm Center Training room for the meeting.

Call for mid-day. Second by by director Taylor.

Director Kenworthy mentions the Ride to the River. Director Taylor says is October 10th

or there about. President Petit asks if there is a conflict. Diana indicates it has

a couple of times in the past. President Petit notes that we will try to avoid the same

weekend as Ride to the River. Several directors are involved with this event.

President Petit notes that we will watch the web for Belton dates and adjust as needed.

Director Williams asks to confirm that the next board meeting will be at Hamcom in Plano.

President Petit notes that this is correct. Someone asks for date of Hamcom.

President Petit notes June 8th.

Discussion about parking at Belton and how they have made changes to tail-gating to move them farther out from the main door. Although this angered some tail-gaters, it leaves space for handicap and other general parking which eases access to the main indoor area.

Discussion about future meetings and places it has been in the past, including Brownsville

and Midland. Mark mentions that the last meeting in Midland had 6 people present and 3

were board members. Upcoming meetings scheduled - Hamcom, Austin Summerfest, Fall Belton

(if it happens), Sam Antonio. Possible separate forum at Hamcom - program or open

discussion/coordination issues. Perhaps a program of some sort?

Director Taylor mentions that he thinks San Antonio would be willing to host again.

President Petit mentions that any hamfest early in the year can offer and we can move the

Winter meeting if desired.

Winding up, Eric? asked about if the directory could be printed and sold at hamfests to try and obtain some income. Discussion around having to obtain a table and someone to sell.

Director Taylor noted he needs help manning the society table at hamfests.

Director Taylor and Director Williams noted that banner was transferred to Director Lay due to his going to the Houston hamfest. Table cloths seem to have disappeared.

Director Williams notes that they were a dollar Walmart special and not to worry.

President Petit asks if there is any other business.

Motion to adorn by Rodger, second by director Taylor. No time was mentioned in the recording.