

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President, Harold, NDSF, in the offices of Vic, K5KNH. Present were Bobby WA5CAC, Ken KA5DKS, Harold NDSF, Paul NSFQS, Ron KA5GYG, Vic K5KNH, Barbara KA5MGP, Allan KA5RXX, Sallie KA5RXW, Steve KE5SC, Carl WB8SVR, Kenny KA5UPB and Carter KD5XX.

The minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting were read.

Sallie reported \$712.13 in the treasury as of January 13. Harold reported there is no report on the audit and there has been no return of the Registered Representative letter.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Relations - Paul asked if anyone would care to work on publicity for the club, most of the work would be handling correspondence. Kenny asked if the club had literature for handouts. Harold reported we are working on something.

Emergency Communications - Ed, W5WVX, was not present. Ron asked if the Veterans Administration had contacted the club about handling emergency communications at the VA hospital. None had been made. Phil Cooper, WB5LIZ, is the VA contact. Ron asked for the critiques to be returned and asked that the ARES team captains begin work.

Training - Bobby reported net checkins are lower, perhaps due to the frequency change. He described the new 2 meter net format which will include the West Link Report and the Official Bulletins. We lost our choice location for Field Day at Brazos Bend State Park, he went to Bear Creek Park and found a nice picnic type place, although no tent can be put up. Still looking, there is plenty of time yet. 75 meter net, a group gathers at 3.963, perhaps we should come up at this frequency.

Technical Advancement - Wade, WN5TEN, was absent but Steve reported a Novice class will begin at the Autumn Hills nursing home in Richmond on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The class will run 7 to 8 weeks, Wade and Steve will teach. The club will spend a limited amount to advertise the class in the paper. Another Volunteer Examination will be held March 23.

Operating Activities - Roger, WA5RNL, is working hard to get us the bulletins, he copies them on CW.

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Membership Services - Kenny has a door prize for the meeting, courtesy of Madisons. Carl reported many compliments on the January banquet. Carl reported on Stu's, W851GG, idea to raffle off at Ham Com a Kenwood TS-430 rig which can be acquired through Madisons. Carl made a motion, seconded by Allan, that our club raffle a rig at Ham Com, the motion carried. Carl will be Chairman of the Raffle Committee. Carl suggested the club sponsor a Home Brew contest. Steve attended a meeting preliminary to Ham Com, which will be held September 20, 21 & 22, at a site not yet selected. This will not be an ARRL convention. The question was raised as to what type of participation we wanted to do. Steve volunteered our club for Volunteer Examinations. The next meeting to prepare for Ham Com is April 8. Steve made a motion, seconded by Kenny, that we actively participate in Ham Com. The motion carried. A \$100.00 check will be mailed to Ham Com prior to April 15. Harold gave to Sallie a check from Ham Com for \$300.00, proceeds from last years seed money. Sallie and Lloyd will have the computer bulletin board checkin again this year, also, we may have the parking lot activity. Carl will think about a Home Brew contest.

Publications - Allan has the monthly bulletin about the way he wants it. Use Ron's bulletin board for newsletter articles, leave messages for "A1" Manus. Allan is soliciting articles for the newsletter.

Old Business: Preparations for the MS 150 Bike Tour are coming along nicely, as is the club card. Please furnish information you would like to see on the card to Allan. Lloyd will reword the amendment to the by-laws concerning dues which will be brought up at the general membership meeting.

New Business: Ron reported on some probable changes in the Fort Bend County RACES/ARES.

Announcements: Allan reported that Ron Stagno with the National Weather Service will present a program on weather February 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the Brown Auditorium of the Museum of Natural Science in Hermann Park. Ed LaRose, K55A, Affiliated Club Coordinator, wrote a letter about a 150 year celebration in Australia. The question was raised, would we like to have a sister club in Australia? Kenny will pursue this matter further.

The meeting adjourned.