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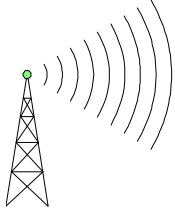
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January 2012 – There was no meeting.



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The February 29, 2012, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who read the Minutes of the previous meeting. A Motion to approve as read was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Tom Stanley. The Motion carried. Ben then read the Treasurer's Report and a Motion to accept as read was made by Bruce Mitchell, seconded by Tom Stanley, and the Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan White stated that Power Supply that failed in 2010 cost \$156.52 plus shipping for a total of \$174.52. When it failed, a new power supply went in service. A Motion to reimburse Dan was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Dave Jenkins. The Motion carried.

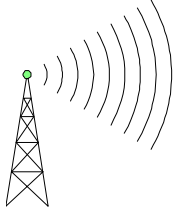
NEW BUSINESS

Dan updated members on the repeater situation for the 440 and 145.410 repeaters on the Cat Spring Tower. We've never had to pay for electricity for the 440 and 145.410 repeaters. As of January, Dan is now out of the commercial repeater business. Those two repeaters plus the commercial repeaters were on same meter, but now without a paying customer, we need to look at other options. The electricity for those 2 repeaters plus the air conditioning unit to keep them cool runs between \$42.00 and \$55.00 a month, depending on the temperature. Another possibility would be to see about moving the repeaters into the larger building on same meter as other repeaters, however, that might cause us to have to start paying for tower space and such, which could cost a lot more than the price of the electricity. Another option would be to move to a County tower, but we need to wait until after the County election to determine what the feasibility would be.

A Motion was made by Dave Jenkins and seconded by Bruce Mitchell for the Club to pay Dan for the electric bill until after the County election when we know more about what our options are. The Motion carried.

Cameron asked about possibility of getting 501(3)(c) status in order for contributions to the Club to become tax deductible. A member mentioned that, to file with the State to see about getting the status would cost \$600/\$800.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Dave Jenkins. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.



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Minutes of the March 28, 2012 Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The March 28, 2012, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Vice President Cameron Mitchell, who called for a reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting by Kathy Croker. A Motion to approve as read was made by Dan White and seconded by Bruce Mitchell. The Motion carried. Kathy then read the Treasurer's Report and a Motion to accept as read was made by Bruce Mitchell, seconded by Ray Chislett. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A check was presented to Dan White in the amount of \$156.52 in payment for the repeater power supply. Dan also presented the repeater site electricity bill covering February 10 through March 10, 2012, for payment. A Motion to pay Dan \$40.82 for the bill was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Linda Pleasant. The Motion carried.

Ray Chislett told the group that, with a signed "Statement of Agreement", we would be allowed to put our repeater on a County tower. Dan White made a Motion, seconded by Linda Pleasant, to pursue the agreement with the County. The Motion carried and Ray Chislett will get with County representatives to prepare the agreement for Club Officer signatures. Ray will also check on the San Felipe and Bleiblerville towers for availability. It was decided by the group that the San Felipe tower would be our first choice of locations. Ray noted that there was a scheduled climb in two weeks. A Motion was made by Linda Pleasant, seconded by Skip Ferguson, that the repeater be moved to that site if the climb occurred prior to our next Club meeting. The Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan reported that April 14, 2012 is the Belton Swap Meet. He also reported that May 5, 2012, the South Texas ARES MARS RACES drill will be conducted. Members of the organizations will conduct a simulated wide-area outage to practice emergency response issues.

Skip Ferguson told members he is authorized by Blinn College to use the facility to conduct a Ham class for anyone seeking to study for their license and/or upgrade. He suggested that maybe he could do this in conjunction with a special test session.

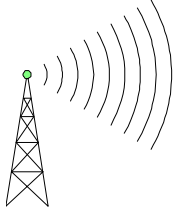
A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Linda Pleasant. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Dan White, W5AOV
Linda White, Guest
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Skip Ferguson, K5AWC
Ray Chislett, KF5JYB
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP



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Minutes of the April 25, 2012, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The April 25, 2012, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting by Kathy Croker, which were approved as read. Kathy then read the Treasurer's Report and a Motion to accept as read was made by Gil Franke, seconded by Dave Jenkins. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A Motion to pay Dan \$41.98 for the March 10 through April 10, 2012, repeater site electric bill was made by Dave Jenkins and seconded by Robert Croker. The Motion carried. A check was presented to Dan White. Kathy Croker then made a Motion to approve payments to Dan for each month's electric bill until such time as the service is no longer needed or the repeater is moved. The Motion was seconded by Robert Croker and carried.

Dan White reported that, after a conversation with Ray Chislett, we can place the repeater on any tower in the County. A discussion ensued regarding who will pay for the climb and coax. The consensus is the best solution at this time is to move the equipment to the building next to the one in which it is currently housed. There will be no move/climb fee and the electric bill will cease to be an issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Gil Franke asked who will be participating in the June 23-24 Field Day activities. A general discussion ensued.

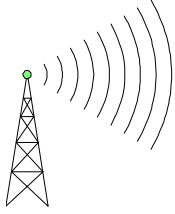
A Motion to adjourn was made by Gil Franke and seconded by Dave Jenkins. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Dave Jenkins, K5KX
Beth Franke, Guest
Gil Franke, WB5RFQ
Ben Worrell, NE5B
Dan White, W5AOV
Linda White, Guest
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC
Agnes Beauregard, Guest



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Minutes of the May 30, 2012, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The May 30, 2012, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting by Kathy Croker, which were approved as read. Kathy then read the Treasurer's Report and a Motion to accept as read was made by Ron Beauregard, seconded by Dave Jenkins. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan White was paid \$43.00 for the April 10 through May 10, 2012, electric bill for the repeater site. Dan reported the County is getting finished with preparations for the grant to get our repeater moved to the County Precinct 1 tower behind The Hill Restaurant in Bellville. As a result, we will need to provide 2 new antennas because the County grant will not pay for equipment. Dan suggested the Diamond X-92, 17-foot hi-gain model due to height difference between the tower the equipment is currently on and the one to which it is being moved. We would need to purchase two of them at a cost of approximately \$200.00 each. Linda Pleasant made a Motion to purchase the 2 antennas when the County has officially received grant approval. The Motion was seconded by Cameron Mitchell and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Croker reminded members that dues will be due during the June meeting and it will then be time to vote for officers. Ben Worrell opened nominations for officers. Current officers are Ben Worrell, President; Cameron Mitchell, Vice President; and Kathy Croker, Secretary-Treasurer. Ben Worrell and Ray Chislett were nominated for a term as President. Cameron Mitchell and Ron Beauregard were nominated for a term as Vice President. Kathy Croker was nominated for another term as Secretary-Treasurer. She is unopposed. A Motion was made by Dan White to close nominations. The Motion was seconded by Linda Pleasant. The motion carried and nominations closed.

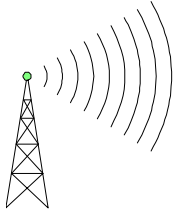
A Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Pleasant and seconded by Ron Beauregard. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Dave Jenkins, K5KX
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
Ben Worrell, NE5B
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Minutes of the June 27, 2012, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

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OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Croker reported that the new antennae have been purchased and shipped to Dan. Cameron Mitchell reported that the repeater has now been moved to the Precinct 1 tower and on July 2, 2012, Trico is scheduled to move the coax and install the antennae on the tower.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections were held. Officers for the 2012-2013 year are: Ben Worrell, President; Cameron Mitchell, Vice President; and Kathy Croker, Secretary/Treasurer.

A door prize drawing was held and Robert Croker won a pocket knife, generously donated by Carl and Linda Pleasant.

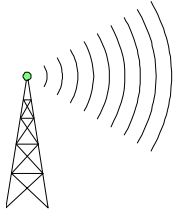
A Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Croker and seconded by Dave Jenkins. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Dave Jenkins, K5KX
Joy Jenkins, Guest
Carl Pleasant, W5MPX
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
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OLD BUSINESS

Dave Jenkins reported that he thought there was a possibility that one of the antennas was damaged while being installed on the new tower. An update will follow at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business. A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Dave Jenkins. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

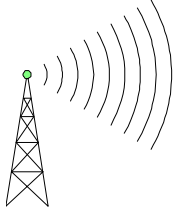
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Minutes of the August 29, 2012, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The August 29, 2012, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by Vice President Cameron Mitchell, in the absence of the President. Cameron called for a reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting by Kathy Croker, which were approved as read. Kathy then read the Treasurer's Report and a Motion to accept as read was made by Gil Franke, seconded by Bruce Mitchell. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan White reported that there was an SWR problem on the new antenna, apparently having to do with the coax or the antenna. He was unsure as to the cause of the problem. Dan also noted that he received the final electric bill but had forgotten to bring it with him. He will email it to Kathy Croker.

Dan also mentioned that the Columbus repeater had been down for two weeks while he was away on vacation. When he got back, he went to the site and determined there had been a power interruption. He turned the system back on and reported it is up and running without any problems.

NEW BUSINESS

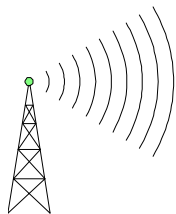
Cameron welcomed guest Mike Eason. Kathy Croker mentioned the Club equipment insurance would be coming due soon and a Motion to pay the insurance was made by Dan White and seconded by Gil Franke. The Motion carried. A Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Jenkins and seconded by Bruce Mitchell. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

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Dave Jenkins, K5KX
Joy Jenkins, Guest
Gil Franke, WB5RFQ
Beth Franke, KD5KAD
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Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Mike Eason, KF5PRY



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Minutes of the September 26, 2012, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The September 26, 2012, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who motioned that the reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's reports from the previous meeting be waived due to an oversight by Kathy Croker, who left the reports at home. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Croker reported the final electric bill in the amount of \$45.67 for the old repeater site in Cat Spring was paid to Dan White.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan White reported that he needs to put the VHF/UHF connection back together at the Bellville repeater. All other repeaters are operating well. A Motion to adjourn was made by Dan White and seconded by Ron Beauregard. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

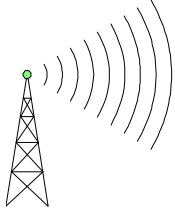
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November 28, 2012

Minutes of the October 31, 2012, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The October 31, 2012, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who read the Minutes and Treasurer's reports from the previous meeting in the absence of Secretary Kathy Croker. The reports were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Dan White and seconded by Dave Jenkins. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Worrell
NE5B
President

ATTENDEES:

Johnny Holmes, W5ALG

Ben Worrell, NE5B

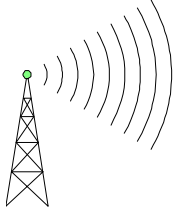
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Rae Worrell, Guest



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OLD BUSINESS

Three suggestions for the Annual Banquet in January were offered by attendees: B.T. Longhorn Saloon, Los Cabos and Ernie's, all in Brenham. Kathy will contact the restaurants to arrange the banquet. The date set will be Saturday, January 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

The group also discussed a new venue for upcoming meetings. A Motion was made by Dave Jenkins and seconded by Bruce Mitchell, to have the February meeting at Yumm! Restaurant in Brenham. The Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Cameron reported that folks had been invited by the National Weather Service to come tour the facility. He will send details in an email.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Dave Jenkins. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

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