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The Stephen F. Austin Radio Club, Inc.

An Association of Amateur Radio Operators in the Austin, Fayette and Waller County Areas

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Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Croker, KB5ITB

Minutes of the February 27, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The February 27, 2013, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Vice-President Cameron Mitchell. Minutes and Treasurer's reports from the previous meeting were read by Kathy Croker. Johnny Holmes made a Motion that the Minutes and Treasurer's reports be approved as read. It was seconded by Robert Croker. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

David Jenkins moved that the March Club meeting be held at Yumm! Restaurant. All in attendance agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan White reported that the Club's generator had been moved to Ben Worrell's house for storage. He also reported that, due to the passing of Woody Woodall, the Trustee for the Houston 146.96 repeater and the control operator has been changed. Dan will be the Trustee and Cameron Mitchell is assuming the role of control operator.

Ray Chislett will be taking over (overseeing) operation of the equipment at the Courthouse in Bellville in the Dan White room in the Basement, but all Club members are welcome to go and operate the equipment at any time the Courthouse is open. Ray is also involved in the State RACES organization. Cameron suggested an organized effort to go to the Courthouse on a regular basis and operate the equipment.

Cameron announced that the Club website has been updated with photos of the Annual Banquet and a new member roster. Dan requested that test candidates send an email or call to make appointments to schedule tests.

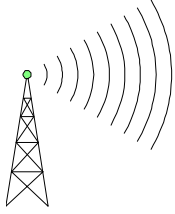
A Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Croker and seconded by Bruce Mitchell. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Dan White, W5AOV
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Dave Jenkins, K5KX
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
John B. Holmes, Jr., W5ALG
Joy Holmes, Guest



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Minutes of the March 27, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The March 27, 2013, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who read the Minutes from the previous meeting. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion that the Minutes be approved as read. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

A general discussion took place regarding placing a log book in the Dan White Radio Room at the Austin County Courthouse.

A general discussion took place regarding the creation of a list serve for Club members.

Cameron Mitchell made a Motion, which was seconded by Bruce Mitchell, to approve the log book placement and list serve creation. The Motion carried.

It was agreed by Members present to continue to meet at Yumm! Restaurant until further notice.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Beauregard and seconded by Dan White. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Worrell
NE5B
President

ATTENDEES:

Dan White, W5AOV

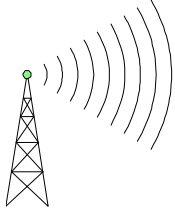
Linda White, Guest

Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG

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Ben Worrell, NE5B

Ron Beauregard, K1PEC



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Minutes of the April 24, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The April 24, 2013, 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 and Treasurer's Report from the previous meeting by Kathy Croker. Dan White made a Motion, seconded by Robert Croker, that the reports be approved as read. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Cameron Mitchell will be creating a list serve for the Club.

NEW BUSINESS

Skip Ferguson announced that the Austin County CERT group needs a Technician license class and asked if we should conduct one here. Dan and Johnny Holmes suggested Ray Chislett be contacted. Kathy Croker will give Ray Chislett's contact information to Skip.

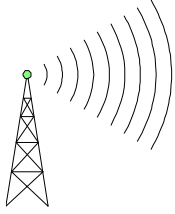
Skip also updated email contact information for Larry Reese and suggested Tommy Johnson be removed from the active members listing.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Croker and seconded by Johnny Holmes. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Ben Worrell, NE5B
John B. Holmes, W5ALG
Dianne Holmes, Guest
Dan White, W5AOV
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Skip Ferguson, K5AWC



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Minutes of the May 29, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The May 29, 2013, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Vice President Cameron Mitchell, who called for a reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the previous meeting by Kathy Croker. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Robert Croker, that the reports be approved as read. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Cameron Mitchell is fine tuning the list serve for the Club and its first messages have been sent to those registered on the list. Dan White reported that Monday evening, June 3, 2013, at the Austin County Courthouse, members of CERT, Fire and EMS for Austin County will meet. Skip Ferguson will be there to talk about giving Technician Operator classes and determine if anyone is interested in taking them.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Croker noted that it is again time to nominate Officers. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion that all officers be re-elected to their current positions by acclamation. The Motion was seconded by Robert Croker and carried. Officers will remain the same and it was discussed that no election was necessary during the June meeting.

Dan White led a discussion to move the venue for the Club meetings to Los Cabos in June to try it out and see if it will work better. He made a Motion to that effect, which was seconded by Robert Croker. The Motion carried.

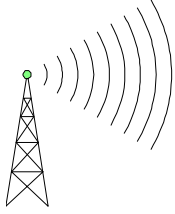
Cameron Mitchell reminded members that June 28-30 is the annual Field Day contest and proposed a barbecue (hot dogs, drinks, snacks) at his home in Cat Spring if Kathy Croker would help with the setup and cleanup. Further discussion would take place before the next meeting.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Croker and seconded by Bruce Mitchell. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Gil Franke, WB5RFQ
Beth Franke, KD5KAD
Dan White, W5AOV
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM



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Minutes of the June 26, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The June 26, 2013, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Vice President Cameron Mitchell, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting by Kathy Croker. The Minutes were corrected to note Field Day was held June 22-23, 2013, and the report that no election was needed due to the acclamation made in the May 2013 meeting was changed to reflect an actual vote needing to be done during the June meeting. Gil Franke made a Motion to Accept the Minutes, as corrected. It was seconded by Ron Beauregard. The Motion passed. Cameron then called for a reading of the Treasurer's Report. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Robert Croker, to accept the report. The Motion carried.

Gil Franke presented a brief Show and Tell session, including a demonstration of a two-meter vertical dipole.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections were held. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Robert Croker, to reinstall current officers for the upcoming term. The Motion carried. Officers for the 2013-2014 year are: Ben Worrell, President; Cameron Mitchell, Vice President; and Kathy Croker, Secretary/Treasurer.

Ray Chislett reported that 15-20 persons attended the talk given by Skip Ferguson on the Technician Class license training at the Austin County Courthouse. Ray will get with Skip to schedule the class and notify everyone who is interested in attending.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held regarding the election issue and what type of amendments had been made in reference to whether notice could be mailed or emailed. Kathy will look into the amendments and report during the next meeting.

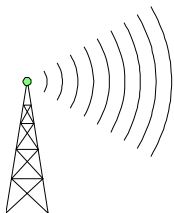
A general discussion was held regarding the July meeting and whether to hold it at Los Cabos again. The consensus was to give the restaurant another try and decide during the next meeting whether or not we would continue with this venue.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Ron Beauregard. 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
Glen Geick, WA5OSA
George Wehrung, W5TZ
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
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Minutes of the July 31, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The July 31, 2013, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Croker, who read Minutes from the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Robert Croker, to accept the Minutes as read. Ron Beauregard made a Motion, seconded by Robert Croker, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Both Motions carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan White reported that Skip Ferguson will be teaching a Technician Class on August 10, 2013, starting about 4:00 p.m. at the Austin County Courthouse in the basement meeting room. Attendees will be offered the opportunity to test immediately after the class, so Dan would like to have 4-5 VEs present.

A Motion was made by Bruce Mitchell to meet once again at Los Cabos at the August meeting. Robert Croker seconded the Motion and it carried. A brief discussion ensued and Kathy Croker noted that there are only two more meetings after the one in August, so it was decided to table the discussion and explore the possibility of a change of venue for the new year.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Croker welcomed Roger Klein to the meeting and the group wished him luck on his test, being administered immediately after the meeting. Roger paid dues in anticipation of passing his test.

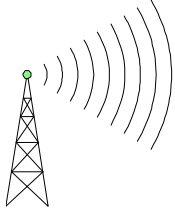
Kathy Croker then asked for a Motion to pay the insurance premium when the bill comes in. Dan White made the Motion, which was seconded by Bruce Mitchell, and it carried.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Robert Croker. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
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Ron Beauregard, K1PEC
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Dan White, W5AOV
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September 25, 2013

Minutes of the August 28, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The August 28, 2013, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report by Kathy Croker. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Linda White, to accept the Minutes as read. Dan White made a Motion, seconded by Roger Klein, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Both Motions carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held regarding venue for the September meeting. The group decided on either Yanni's Restaurant or Rancho Los Vegas in Bellville. Kathy will check out both during the month so see who is available.

NEW BUSINESS

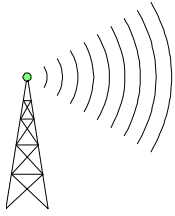
Ben Worrell welcomed the new members to the club and meeting. Each person present introduced himself.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Croker and seconded by Bruce Mitchell. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Robert Croker, AD5ME
Mary Martin, K5WZP
Blake Neeley, Guest
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Donald Hodges, KF5WZQ
Ben Worrell, NE5B
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Dan White, W5AOV
Linda White, KF5WZM
Roger Klein, KF5WUA
Patty Leger, KT5WZO
Kenneth Leger, Guest



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Minutes of the September 25, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The September 25, 2013, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report by Kathy Croker. The Minutes were accepted as read. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion, seconded by Ray Chislett, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

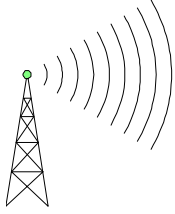
Ben Worrell reported receipt of a letter from Opelousas, Louisiana, from a HAM operator there who said that our repeater was coming in over his repeater in Opelousas. Evidently, there was some atmospheric ducting happening. He wanted to know if our club could or would change our PL tone. A brief discussion ensued wherein it was decided that the problem would resolve itself as soon as atmospheric conditions changed. Considering all the directories and registries in which the club is listed and/or is a member, changing any of the settings on any of the repeaters is impracticable.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Mitchell and seconded by Roger Klein. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Croker, KB5ITB
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Donald Hodges, KF5WZQ
Dan White, W5AOV
Linda White, W5LBW
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Ben Worrell, NE5B
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Ron Beauregard, K1PEC
Roger Klein, KF5WUA
Pam Klein, Guest
Ray Chislett, KF5JYB
Gil Franke, WB5RFQ
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Carl Pleasant, W5UPX
Linda Pleasant, AD5LP
Duane Kerr, KF5WZR



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Minutes of the October 30, 2013, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The October 30, 2013, meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by President Ben Worrell, who called for a reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report by Kathy Croker. The Minutes were accepted, as amended, to say "email" rather than "letter" regarding contact from the HAM operator in Opelousas, Louisiana, and a change of the word "impracticable" to "impossible" with regard to the same issue and whether or not the settings on any of the repeaters can be changed. Linda White made a Motion, seconded by Roger Klein, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Members determined that the Annual Banquet would be held on a Saturday afternoon in January at 4:00 p.m., the date for which would be decided via email communications before the end of the year, once any conflicts were ironed out. Cameron Mitchell volunteered to host the banquet at his home in Cat Spring.

Kathy Croker led a brief discussion regarding the Los Cabos, Brenham, venue for future club meetings, reporting a conversation she had with the restaurant's Manager, who had called to offer another room for future meetings.

A round-table discussion then ensued regarding the demise of the radio club in Brenham and whether or not any of those members would be interested in joining our group.

The next club meeting, in February 2014, will be held at Yani's in Bellville.

Skip Ferguson made an announcement that Ray Chislett had let him know that CERT members and a local church group were interested in attending another Technician class. We will schedule another training session/class and test session after the first of the year.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Dan White and seconded by Bruce Mitchell. There being no further business to discuss, the Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Croker
KB5ITB
Secretary-Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

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Donald Hodges, KF5WZQ
Dan White, W5AOV
Linda White, W5LBW
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
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