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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

Mailing Address: 840 Deer Haven Road
Carmine, TX 78932

Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month

Repeaters: 145.410- (W5SFA – PL 100.0) Cat Spring, TX
444.875- (W5SFA – PL 103.5) Bellville, TX
146.960- (W5SFA – PL 103.5) Houston, TX

2019-20 Officers: President, Gary Baldwin, KF5ZRT
Vice President, Ray Chislett, W5RAC
Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Croker, KB5ITB

March 25, 2020

Minutes of the February 26, 2020, Meeting of the Stephen F. Austin Radio Club

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Baldwin at 6:49 pm. Kathy Croker read the Minutes from the October meeting. Bruce Mitchell made a Motion to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Roger Klein. The Motion carried and the Minutes were approved. Kat then gave the Treasurer's Report. A Motion to approve the Report was made by Ray Meech and seconded by Jack Bates. The Motion carried.

The Door Prize drawing was held and Dan White won an Antenna Book, Jesse Justiss won a Log Book and Linda White won a Yaesu hat.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gary announced that the Radio in The Park was held with members of the Navasota radio group and a great time was had by everyone in attendance.

He then welcomed new member, Jesse Justiss and invited Jesse to tell the group a bit about himself.

Roger gave the repeater report. Internet has now been installed at the Columbus site. It isn't linked yet, but everything is working fine. The HRI200 Box that was purchased gives us a Yaesu Room on the Internet. A message was received from Remi Hutin, who is now in France, that he was able to link from there to the repeater, but unfortunately, at the time he linked up, no one was available to speak with him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger explained the new setup on the repeater and how it works.

An open discussion ensued regarding the Tuesday night net and how we might improve participation. It was decided that reminders could be sent either via email or texts several hours prior to the allotted time. It was also suggested

that folks can set a reminder on their phone calendars or alarms set to go off shortly before the event each Tuesday night.

Gary passed around a mock up for a brochure that he had put together. Members agreed that this was a great idea. He will tweak it and bring it to the next meeting for the Club to approve. A short discussion followed regarding the possibility of printing up QSL cards for the club. Dan noted that 500 full color business cards could be done on Vista Print for \$10.00. The idea garnered great interest.

The next Radio In The Park will be held in March or April at the park near the Courthouse in Bellville.

An announcement was made that the first two weekends in March were the Belton and Rosenberg Ham Fests.

Roger made a Motion, Seconded by Jack, that the Annual Club Banquet be moved to the first Wednesday in December and a regular meeting be held in January. A short discussion ensued and the Motion carried.

Jack proposed having the March meeting at Sealand in Brenham, an idea to which everyone agreed. It was then decided that the following meeting (in April) would be held somewhere in Austin County.

Roger purchased a Wire X for himself and a radio for the repeater and noted that the HRI200 Box was needed in order to hook it up to the repeater. Dan made a Motion, seconded by Jack, that the Club go ahead and pay Roger \$135.00 for the equipment. The Motion carried and Kat gave Roger the check.

Jack made a Motion, seconded by Linda White, that the meeting adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kat Croker, KB5ITB
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Kat Croker, KB5ITB
Jack Bates, K5FRT
Ray Meech, WA5IWB
Earl McIntyre, K5EAM
Skip Ferguson, K5LLR
Bruce Mitchell, KM5OG
Gary Baldwin, KF5ZRT
Roger Klein, N5RWK
Joe Cucuzza, KA8WEP
Dennis Cody, WR5DC
Dan White, W5AOV
Linda White, W5LSW
Jesse Justiss, KF5ZW

Treasurer's Report:	Bal. Forward	\$ 2,395.26
	Equipment Sales	370.00
	Roger Klein	<u>(135.00)</u>
	Total	\$ 2,630.26