

## Big Bend Amateur Radio Club

### Minutes of Meeting February 9, 2010

The meeting was attended by 17 people:

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| KA5PVB | Chuck | Alpine    |
| KE5KNQ | Rob   | Alpine    |
| KE5OG  | Bill  | Alpine    |
| KM5VM  | Barb  | Alpine    |
| N5DO   | Dave  | Alpine    |
| N5JOE  | Jim   | Alpine    |
| W5ATO  | Bill  | Alpine    |
| W5DWI  | Dick  | Alpine    |
| W5JUW  | Lora  | Alpine    |
| W5NPR  | Bill  | Alpine    |
| WA5ROE | Bob   | Alpine    |
| WT5O   | Bert  | Alpine    |
| K5ITT  | Kitty | Ft. Davis |
| K5TDA  | Terry | Ft. Davis |
| KD5KBU | Jim   | Ft. Davis |
| N5MVV  | Angie | Ft. Davis |
| KF5ESZ | Dave  | Alpine    |
| WA3GTV | Mitch |           |

Terry, K5TDA, introduced Mitck Marabito, WA3GTU. Mick is recently retired from Delaware and he and his wife sold their home and are out to travel the country by motor home. They are staying with their daughter south of Alpine for a few weeks.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Angie reported \$2,716.16 in the bank account.

#### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Bill Baker read the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Cockrum reported 3 people had taken their Technicians exam and 3 of them passed.

Bill Baker reported that work had been done to install a new 62 repeater at McDonald so the old 62 equipment can be set up to replace the 82 repeater on Christmas Mountain at Terlingua Ranch. Doug is also building a second 82 repeater using some smaller radios, just to have some back up in the event the primary system doesn't function correctly when it is installed.

He also noted that the 444.625 machine was down and taken apart and might not be replaced for a very long time.

Bill Roberts reported the club's ATV was in Marfa being worked on and that he will pick up a new battery for it in Odessa in the future.

Terry reported that Bill Brooks had renewed the clubs Web domain name for another 9 years for \$161.91. The club agreed to reimburse him.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Lora brought up the fact that Bob Ayer's family had requested that memorials to Bob be made in the form of donations to Hospice House in Odessa. After discussion the club voted to send a check from the club treasury in the amount of \$500.00 and allow members to voluntarily reimburse that amount with individual contributions to BBARC.

Jim Fowler announced that Hammerfest was coming up on April 10-11. It will be the same schedule as usual and he needs lots of volunteers and he may contact the Midland club and invite volunteers as well.

Bob Ward brought information to the club about the ARRL membership drive. He pointed out that our membership information for the club that the ARRL has needs to be updated.

Bill Baker reported that He had been handling the net manager duties for the 2-meter net for several weeks for Bob Ayer and that the club needed to select a new manager. Bill asked that someone other than himself volunteer. Bill Roberts volunteered and the club accepted the change.

Terry then filled the rest of the time discussing the offer made by Ray Hendrix at the banquet. In short for \$30.00 to each radio station, KVLf AM and KALP FM, he will provide the club with air time on the stations that would commercially be valued around \$1,000.00 for each station. It would include commercial spots and could include weekly 5 or 10 minute programs similar to what Dr. Luke and Digital Studios are currently doing. This special offer is being made to the club to provide us with a recruitment tool to bring in new HAMs.

There was lengthy discussion and many ideas of how to utilize the time. Many felt that the club has members with the writing and speaking voice talents to be able to produce the messages ourselves. At the end of the discussion, the club voted to accept the offer and authorized the treasurer to cut the checks.

Being that everyone was talked out, we all left.