

Big Bend Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting April 13, 2010

The meeting was attended by 14 people:

KA5PVB	Chuck	Alpine
KE5KNQ	Rob	Alpine
KE5OG	Bill	Alpine
KE5YCW	Peg	Alpine
KF5ESZ	Dave	Alpine
N5DO	Dave	Alpine
NF5FF	Steve	Alpine
W5ATO	Bill	Alpine
W5NPR	Bill	Alpine
WA5ROE	Bob	Alpine
KD5KBU	Jim	Ft. Davis
KF5ETB	Kevin	Ft. Davis
N5MVV	Angie	Ft. Davis
KB5R	Rusty	Alpine

Secretary Bill Baker, W5ATO called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Bill Welcomed Rusty Herman, KB5R to the meeting.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Bill Baker read the minutes of the March 9th meeting. They were approved as read
TREASURER'S REPORT:

Angie reported \$2,526.02 in the bank account. She also reported \$440.00 has been reimbursed to the club for the \$500.00 donation to Hospice House of Odessa in Bob Ayer's memory.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vice-President Resignation

Bill, W5ATO announced to the club that Vice-President, Lora Hawkins had resigned. He further stated that under the By-Laws of the club it was the duty of the remaining officers to make an appointment to fill the position for the remainder of the Vice-President's term. He then asked if anyone would like to volunteer or make a nomination. Jim, KD5KBU volunteered. No other volunteers or nominations were heard. Bill pointed out that the three remaining officers would have to meet and take a vote.

2. Disposition of KA1AAJ(SK) equipment

Bill, W5ATO reported that Bob Ayer's family had been to Alpine and have put the house on the market and collected all of Bob's belongings. A storage shed full of assorted radio and electronic equipment was left for the club to dispose of in one manner or another. The family's only request was if any revenue were gained from it, that a portion be sent to the family.

Bill Roberts pointed out that some of the stuff was club equipment that Bob was housing for us. He also reported that the rest would have to be sold or disposed of, and if the property sold

quickly we might not have a lot of time to prepare for it. He also pointed out that there are several antennas that will have to be brought down from their mounts. Roberts stated that the Family had said just have a sale and whatever money is made, just send them some, whatever we deem appropriate.

Baker suggested to have a team of knowledgeable members select items that would be of value for club use and then have a sale.

A suggestion was made from the floor to offer the family 50% of the proceeds, and Roberts agreed to stay in touch with the realtor and the family.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hammerfest Report

Jim, KD5KBU reported there were about 378 participants in the race this year making it one of the biggest. He said the race went very smoothly and there were no injuries requiring emergency attention. He pointed out that HAM response was very low and he had to make decisions on which stations should be covered and which ones could not be covered.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Motorcycle ride in October

Rusty Herman, KB5R, new resident in Alpine, mentioned that he had been contacted before leaving Houston and asked to talk to the club about communications for a motorcycle ride that will be in our area in October. Baker asked Peg, KE5YCW to follow up and contact the group and bring more information to the next meeting.

2. Volunteers Big Bend Luncheon

Bob Ward presented an invitation from the Volunteers Big Bend for the club to attend a luncheon on the 26th. He asked anyone interested in representing the club at the luncheon to contact him.

PROGRAM

Bill, W5ATO acknowledged a formal program had not been prepared. In lieu of a program, Baker discussed some of the communications protocols used on the West Texas Connection during Skywarn net operations. He pointed out that the BBARC repeater system may sometimes be linked to the West Texas Connection for the Skywarn net and we should be aware of and follow their protocols when we are.

During the discussion Dave, N5DO pointed out that while the weather service is frequently interested in high wind speeds, it is difficult for many of us to make accurate estimates. In order to make more accurate wind speed reports, Dave made a motion that the club purchase 3 hand held anemometers for spotters to use when they go out to make observations. Jim, KD5KBU pointed out that through equipment suppliers used by the Jeff Davis Fire Fighters, he felt he could find good units for near or a little over \$100 each.

A motion was made to have Jim place an order for 3 units in that price range. Motion was seconded and passed without objections.