

# Big Bend Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of Meeting May 11, 2010

The meeting was attended by 19 people:

KA5PVB	Chuck	Alpine
KB5R	Rusty	Alpine
KE5KNQ	Rob	Alpine
KE5OG	Bill	Alpine
KE5YCW	Peg	Alpine
KF5ESZ	Dave	Alpine
KM5VM	Barb	Alpine
N5DO	Dave	Alpine
W5ATO	Bill	Alpine
W5NPR	Bill	Alpine
WA5JBG	Jim	Alpine
Guest	Lucy Glascock	
KD5KBU	Jim	Ft. Davis
NW5M	Mike	Ft. Davis
K5WUL	Larry	Dallas
NG5V	Rick	Austin
WB4GHY	Steve	Van Alstyne
K5GH	George	Greenwood
W5SOG	Don	Houston

Vice President Jim Fowler, KD5KBU called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Bill Baker read the minutes of the April 13th meeting. Adding to the minutes for inclusion he pointed out that the officers had a board meeting via e-mail to elect Jim to the position of vice president, and copies of the e-mails were available for viewing and would be filed with the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Angie was unable to attend and there was no treasurer's report.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### 1. Vice-President

Jim stated we know who the new Vice-President is Now.

#### 2. Disposition of KA1AAJ(SK) equipment

Bill, W5NPR recommended that we have a sale of Bob's equipment before the end of May. It was decided to have the sale over two Saturdays. May 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 P.M. until the crowd dies, and May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 A.M. until the crowd dies.

Jim then introduced 5 visitors who have maintained Amateur Radio operations from Prude Ranch for the Texas Star Party for many years, operating their special event station W5TSP. Larry Slay K5WUL, Steve Coleman WB4GHY, Rick Kirchhof NG5V, George Huling K5GH, and Don Jarvis W5SOG.

### 3. Motorcycle Ride Event in October

Peg, KE5YCW reported that the Trail Riders of Houston Motorcycle Club will be having a ride in South Brewster County on October 23, 2010 and they are asking for communications support. Their event is called the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Terlingua National Dual Sport Ride. It is an on and off road event which has been bringing around 300 riders and covers around 400 miles. She reported that she had viewed their Web Site and the organization is a family oriented, safety minded group of riders, and their concern is lack of cell phone service in some areas and the possible need for emergency communication in those areas.

Bill, W5ATO agreed to follow up and contact the group and determine details of their communications needs.

### 4. Volunteers Big Bend Banquet

Bill Roberts and Rusty Herman both reported they attended the banquet with Bob Ward. Rusty said the club received notable recognition.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. K5N 6-Meter Grid Expedition to Big Bend National Park

Jim, KD5KBU reported that an expedition group will be heading to Big Bend National Park in June, just after Field Day, to activate two very rare VHF grids on 6 meters. DL88 and DL89. Jim pointed out that the expedition group will not have Internet access from their site and they are asking BBARC repeater users to monitor and assist them with posting information to the Internet for them from June 29 to July 2.

### 2. Double Diamond Pavilion for Field Day

Barb, KM5VM reported the reservation of the pavilion is confirmed from Tuesday, June 22 to Tuesday June 29. Pre-operation clean up will be the afternoon of Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bill Roberts stated that if it rains before then, he will take his riding lawn mower down and cut grass. The TSP group proclaimed that they are here and it will rain.

Dave, N5DO then asked for orders for Field Day Gear such as T-shirts, Caps, Pins, etc. A list was made.

### 3. License Test

Dave, N5DO announced there will be a test session for Amateur Radio Licenses on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. at Sul Ross in the Warnock Science Building, room 201. Any level license test may be taken at this session, from Technician to Extra.

## PROGRAM

Dave, N5DO presented a video of a DXpedition to Midway Island.