

Big Bend Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Meeting November 9, 2010

The meeting was attended by 11 people:

K5FD	James	Alpine
KE5KNQ	Rob	Alpine
KE5OG	Bill	Alpine
KE5YCW	Peg	Alpine
KF5HBQ	Dave	Alpine
KM5VM	Barb	Alpine
N5DO	Dave	Alpine
W5ATO	Bill	Alpine
W5NPR	Bill	Alpine
WA5ROE	Bob	Alpine
KD5KBU	Jim	Ft. Davis

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President Jim Fowler.

Bill, W5ATO, Club Secretary noted the minutes of the October Meeting were very long and a motion was made to accept them without reading. The motion was seconded immediately by several members. Jim pointed out that copies of the minutes were available for review. The vote was then taken and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim announced that Angie had submitted the Treasurer's Report via e-mail and it showed a balance of \$3,974.44.

REPEATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill, W5NPR announced that the 146.62 repeater at McDonald Observatory had been taken off line due to some interference problems. W5ATO added that the only spare repeater available had been sent to the factory for repairs and that the McDonald repeater may be off air for a few weeks until it is returned. (the one taken out of service was an older model designed for commercial bands and just isn't reliable using the 600 KHz separation used in the HAM bands.)

OLD BUSINESS

1. TERLINGUA DUAL SPORT RIDE

Bill, W5ATO reported that the Trail Riders of Houston Motorcycle Club finally made contact to arrange for their communications just days before the event. On such short notice three volunteers were able to serve the event. He noted that they covered it on the National Simplex frequency and with no net control. He reported that the event was a success, and the group was very friendly, well behaved, safety conscious and very grateful for our presence.

2. KE5OG TRIP TO ARUBA (4:36)

Bill Brooks, KE5OG reported he had a good time in Aruba. He also noted he might give a program on his trip, sometime in the future.

4. BIG BEND ULTA RUN

Bill Baker, W5ATO reported that three people from the BBARC have volunteered for the January event, and noted that the volunteer count from the San Antonio group was a little low also.

5. FIELD DAY RESULTS

Dave Cockrum, N5DO reported that the K5FD Field Day station scored 7,716 points placing it in 19th place in the 2A category. Last year the score was 7,414 placing it in 31st place in 2A. He also noted that out of the 424 2A stations in Texas, we scored the highest.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ELECTION COMMITTEE

Jim appointed Dave Cockrum, Rob Kinukan, and Bill Baker to serve on the election committee to search for a slate of nominees for the 2011 officer positions.

2. SANTA NET

Jim discussed the Santa Net and whether the club wants to do one this year. Everyone agreed with plans much the same as last year and the date of Thursday, December 16th was set. The time to be 5 to 7 P.M. and the location to be in the True Value parking lot.

3. SILENT AUCTION

Jim reminded everyone that next month we would have the annual silent auction for our club meeting.

4. ANNUAL BANQUET

Jim also discussed the Annual Banquet. It was noted that the outgoing President usually makes the arrangements and that the current President would not be able to do so. Dave, N5DO agreed to work with some people and Bill, KE5OG volunteered to assist.

5. TECHNICIAN TEST

Dave, N5DO, called for volunteer VE's to assist with a license test for the following evening.

PROGRAM

Dave, N5DO presented a video on a DX-pedition to Heard Island.