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# **BBARC Minutes of Meeting**

*October 11th, 2022*

The meeting was attended by 20 members.

K1ABB .....Albert .....Alpine  
K5LON .....Lonny .....Van Horn  
K5WFD.....Wes.....Fort Davis  
K5WSA.....Bill .....Fort Davis  
K7VEN .....Art .....Fort Davis  
KD5KBU .....Jim.....Fort Davis  
KE5KNQ.....Rob .....Alpine  
KE5WCP.....Stephen.....Fort Davis  
KG5DZK.....Matt.....Alpine  
KG5LMG .....Marvin.....Fort Davis  
KG5ZIB .....Judi.....Fort Davis  
KG5ZIC .....Pamela.....Fort Davis  
KI5ANQ.....Scott .....Alpine  
KI5EXF .....Sharon .....Alpine  
KI5OQB .....Brad.....Terlingua  
KI5SNZ.....John .....Alpine  
N5CET .....Charlie.....Alpine  
N5MVV .....Angie.....Fort Davis  
W5JUW.....Lora .....Alpine  
WA5ROE .....Bob .....Alpine

Location of the meeting was the American Legion Hall in Alpine. The meeting was called to order at 1930 (7:30pm) by President Charlie N5CET.

The September meeting minutes motion to accept by Bill K5WSA and second by Rob KE5KNQ and motion carried.

Angie N5MVV gave the treasurer's report. A motion to accepted by Jim KD5KBU and second by Brad KI5OQB was carried.

Membership tracking will renew in January and change the Member page password.

A new way of doing repeater footprints is in the works.

Bob WA5ROE spoke about DEM and ARRL conducting a simulated emergency test in October. The BBARC phone tree will be created to alert members of an emergency. Activation is 2 to 3 times per year. Charlie N5CET talked about WinLink being the next big technology for emergencies and that all members need to try it on FM or HF. Testing will including local use and distant use.

Two sandwich board signs will be tried for Santa Net. Bill K5WSA made the motion to fund the signs with Brad KI5OQB second and the motion passed for approximately \$500. A sample sign

from the Lions Club was on display. Bob WA5ROE, Rob KE5KNQ, and Scott KI5ANQ will work on the sign content before the November meeting. One side is Santa Net (first) and later a Field Day sign will be on the second side of the signs. Santa Net is December 14th 1700 (5pm) to 1900 (7pm) in front of Morrison True Value Hardware store. Setting up and decorating the RV begins at 1600 (4pm). There will also be a press release for the radio stations, a memo sent at Sul Ross, and ask the Alpine Avalanche to take pictures. Candy canes will be handed out to each participant. Santa Net uses the 2m repeater system, and an external speaker will be on the RV for those waiting in line to listen.

Jim KD5KBU was recognized as net controller for the Ultra Run and CycleFest for two decades and now retiring. Bob WA5ROE and Charlie N5CET are the new net controllers for the Ultra Run January 15th at Big Bend Ranch State Park. The event begins Saturday with a radio check. The race on Sunday begins at 0500 (5am) and lasts until 2100 (9pm). The event may require members to have 4x4 vehicles and to camp at backcountry aid stations. Organizers will provide safety officers and medical personnel. More details will be at the BBARC November meeting. Charlie received a detailed email about the event. Five members volunteered. Sign up list is on the web site. The event uses the RV and emergency repeater.

QRZ JumpStart program gives new technician licensees a free radio. The program ends in October.

Angie N5MVV said the 147.12 repeater on Cibolo Ranch is down. Doug N5HYD is organizing a trip to fix the repeater.

Wes K5WFD passed his general exam before the meeting.

Just Host will be used for the club web site and email. Stephen KE5WCP motioned to fund hosting the BBARC web site for \$200 start up and Bill K5WSA seconded and the motion carried. We will pursue the bigbendarc.net and .org domains first, then transition the .com domain currently hosted by Allen N5NYM.

The FCC has a new license system.

Jim KD5KBU motioned to adjourn the meeting with John KI5SNZ second. The meeting was adjourned at 2034 (8:34pm).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott McClanahan KI5ANQ  
BBARC Secretary