
BBARC Minutes of Meeting

January 10, 2023

The meeting was attended by 22 members and 1 visitor

K5LON.....Lonny.....Van Horn
KI5ANQ.....Scott.....Alpine
N5CET.....Charlie.....Alpine
K5WSA.....Bill.....Ft. Davis
KG5ZIB.....Judi.....Ft. Davis
KG5LMK.....Michael.....Ft. Davis
N5MVV.....Angie.....Ft. Davis
W5JUW.....Lora.....Alpine
KI5EXF.....Sharon.....Alpine
K7VEN.....Art.....Ft. Davis
KG5LMG.....Marvin.....Ft. Davis
AI4BA.....David.....Alpine
WA5MHO.....Dean.....Alpine
KG5DZK.....Matt.....Alpine
KB4TRP.....Claire.....Ft. Davis
K5WFD.....Wes.....Wes
KG5WT.....Roger.....Marfa
KE5KNQ.....Rob.....Alpine
WA5ROE.....Bob.....Alpine
KG5ZIC.....Pam.....Ft. Davis
KE5WCP.....Stephen.....Ft. Davis
Visitor.....Tommy Vick.....Ft. Davis

Location of the meeting was the Mason's building in Alpine. The meeting was called to order at 1900 (7:00 pm) by President Charlie N5CET.

The December meeting minutes motion to accept by Scott KI5ANQ and second by Art K7VEN and motion carried.

Scott KI5ANQ gave the Secretary's report.

Angie N5MVV gave the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept by Pamela KG5ZIC and second by Sharon KI5EXF was carried

Lonny K5LON gave a new repeater update. Shop build of repeater is complete. Doug N5HYD will coordinate with Bill Baker W5ATO and Gordo Moller K5CLO for the installation at Rancho Cielo Grande (Gordo's Ranch).

Angie N5MVV gave a report on the Glass Mountains Repeater (146.920). Doug traveled to the repeater site, repaired the repeater and placed it back into service. The West Texas Connection link radio is malfunctioning and was disconnected from the repeater. Doug will troubleshoot it and report his findings.

Charlie N5CET discussed Volunteers On The Air (VOTA) a yearlong initiative by the ARRL. VOTA encourages participants to make contacts with ARRL members and volunteers, earning points for each contact. Point values have been assigned (see Points Table at vota.arrl.org). All scoring is automatic through Logbook of the World. As part of the event there will be weeklong activations by W1AW portable stations throughout the US and its territories.

Bob WA5ROE gave an update on the Big Bend Ultra Run. He will be in Lajitas at the race headquarters on Friday, with the club RV. The club emergency repeater will be set up on Friday, about 2 miles east of the start/finish line, along highway FM 170. There are various races 10k thru 50 miles. On Saturday, participants will deploy to their assigned stations for communications tests, to verify that all equipment is working. The race will take place on Sunday, 1/15/23. This is good experience for club members to gain experience operating in the field, under varying conditions. The Republic of Texas uprising in the Davis Mountains, some years ago, is an example of when club members used the experience gained at such volunteer events, in a real world setting.

Charlie N5CET gave an update on Winter Field Day. It will take place on January 28 and January 29. Scott KI5ANQ will post an information bulletin to the website. Club participants should send their logs to Charlie N5CET and he will compile them into one club submission. Start time is 1pm Saturday and end time is 12:59 pm on Sunday.

Matt KG5DZK has created a club organizational chart. The chart lists and explains the various officer positions and member roles in the club. The chart was provided to attending members. It will be posted to the club website. Club members with comments or suggestions about the chart and the various roles can email them to Charlie N5CET. The chart will be updated as needed.

Charlie N5CET has conducted some WinLink training already for club members. More classes pending. WinLink is a communications method designed to work when other methods are interrupted due to disasters, power outages or when other emergency conditions exist. It is being adopted by various governmental agencies at all levels as well as non-government disaster relief groups. It is basically email over radio.

Charlie N5CET plans to develop training courses for licensing (Technician, General, and Amateur Extra). He plans to teach the classes.

A group discussion about Baofeng and Xiegu radios was held. Marvin KG5LMG noted that Baofeng sells a 10-watt handheld radio that is FCC type certified. Baofeng is also selling a GMRS certified radio.

A motion to adjourn was made by David AI4BA, seconded by Mike KG5LMK. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2008 (8:07 pm).

Respectfully Submitted,
Lonny Hillin K5LON
BBSC Secretary
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