

**TIDELANDS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

Minutes of Meeting January 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1900.

Bill Chamberlain thanked us for helping with the All Star Science Fair and awarded a certificate of appreciation for that help. Club members participating were Wink, N5ECE, Joe, AA5OP, and James WA5A00.

Introductions of those present followed:

Ron, N5TAA (President)  
James, W5A00 (Vice-President)  
John, KC5LAA (Secretary)  
Joe, AA5OP (Treasurer)  
Bill, WA5WVP (Director)  
Cookie, K5EWJ  
Don, K5DWD  
David, AE5PX  
Wink, N5ECE  
Bill Chamberlain (Wink's son - visitor)  
Dan, WA5DLH  
Louis, WB5BMB  
Michael, KT5MR

In addition, two absent members were introduced:

Ken, K0KS (Director)  
Dave, K8DY (Director)

John, KC5LAA, read the minutes of the January 18, 2014 dinner -meeting.  
He was reminded of the correct callsign for Ron, N5TAA, and he corrected the minutes.  
The minutes were approved as corrected.

John, KC5LAA, then announced the upcoming Greater Houston Hamfest and made a flyer available for those interested.

Joe, AA5OP, gave the treasurers report: The closing balance as of 12/8/2014 was \$9,509.37. There were \$6.77 in bank charges, \$50 to the wait staff for the December dinner, and \$119 for three years for our domain name.

Joe, AA5OP, also spoke on the following:

1. J. B. Graham passed away. We need to place a book in the library in his memory.
2. James, W5A00, Wink, N5ECE, and Joe, AA5OP, helped with the BSA Jamboree on the Air. They had \$184.04 in expenses for emblems for the participants.
3. While an electrician was at the church, he fixed a 220 Volt outlet for an air conditioner. Joe paid him \$100.
4. Joe is trying to find a new bank account with lower fees.
5. Dues of \$10 for 2015 are now due.

A motion was made to reimburse Joe for the \$100. The motion passed.

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Ron, N5TAA, discussed the Texas City Hamfest. He said that he had Joanne, manager of the traffic net, to present a talk. Also, he had scheduled David, WD5IEH, for a talk, but in the interim he had passed away. We need to get someone else for a talk.

Louie, WB5BMB, suggested Jim from Dallas to talk about D-Star.

Ron has paid \$45 for the other room so that we can have more topics.

He suggested we email notices about the hamfest from a Tidelands domain.

A motion was made to spend up to \$25 per year for a domain name for the hamfest. The motion was passed.

A motion was made to reimburse Ron; however, the motion was tabled for now.

The hamfest will be July 18, 2015, this year. Much discussion followed.

Next year's hamfest will be July 16.

Next, James, W5A00, made a presentation. He showed a KwikStix telescoping fishing pole (bream pole) which he uses with a Diamond D220 antenna. He also showed two mounts or anchors for the butt of the pole. He uses these with a Fun Cube Dongle receiver, which covers 190KHz to 1.9GHz, costing about \$100. It uses free SDR software. The dongle can be found at [www.funcubedongle.com](http://www.funcubedongle.com).

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 12, 2014.

s/ John, KC5LAA  
Recording Secretary