

TIDELANDS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting February 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1900.

Introductions of those present followed:

Ron, N5TAA (President)

James, W5A00 (Vice-President)

John, KC5LAA (Secretary)

Joe, AA5OP (Treasurer)

Bill, WA5WVP (Director)

Don, K5DWD

David, AE5PX

Wink, N5ECE

Dan, WA5DLH

Louis, WB5BMB

Michael, KT5MR

Rick, KE5BZE

Ed, K5YYD

Joe, AA5OP, gave the treasurers report: He went to Texas 1st Bank.

John, KC5LAA, read the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting.

The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Ron, N5TAA, spoke about the hamfest. "TexasCityHamfest.org" will be the domain name used for emailing hamfest brochure. He has received two emails stating no info on website.

Hopefully Joanne Kieth will provide a class on traffic handling. He has tried an FCC engineer and someone from Texas New Mexico Power. Worked a deal with Sign Man, Rick and Donna, to donate door prizes.

Joe heard from Vintage Radio people. They will be here.

Louis suggested that he will contact Jim McClean in Dallas to present an introduction to D-Star.

Bill, WA5WVP, warned to be careful of spys on internet. Someone is using his name to try to sell stuff. Asking money be sent to him.

James suggested that he file a police report and post a message on QRZ stating "I have no equipment for sale."

Ed Sauer, K5YYD, one of the original founders of TARS, was introduced by James, W5A00. Ed told us TARS was not the first ham club in Galveston Co. Most clubs were in chemical plants. Dan, WB5ASA, was another organizer. The first hamfest was at League City Park. Had food and an auction. WB5FIE, Luke Sterling was the 1st president.

Also had field day and have had every year since. Ed was 2nd president of the club.

The first repeater was at the North County Bldg, and was homemade. Then Spectrum 1000 – got duplexer by donation to Red Cross. Then later moved repeater to tower at Amoco.

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Field day 1964, put up beam and tower. W5MTA was secondary callsign. Had the hamfest at Carbide Park. Had beam and tower, and long wire. Got balloons with helium to raise long wire to about 200 feet. One of the balloons got away, and wire lay on the ground. Just kept operating. Club meetings had 80 to 100 people.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2015.

s/ John, KC5LAA
Recording Secretary