

TIDELANDS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
Minutes of Meeting November 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, James, W5A00, at 1900.

First was an introduction of those present. Those present were:

James, W5A00 (Vice-President)
John, KC5LAA (Secretary)
Joe, AA5OP (Treasurer)
Bill, WA5WVP
Wink, N5ECE
Dave, K8DY
Bill, KF5PGU
Cookie, K5EWJ
Eric, KF5RUW

John, KC5LAA, read the minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Joe, AA5OP, gave the treasurers report.

Old Business:

JOTA : there was lots of discussion. Maybe we'll participate next year.

Joe suggested we need to change the meeting place on the website and also the new officers and new address – 1109B Bayou Road.

Don't forget next month at Ryan's, 12/10/2015, 7:00 P.M.

Joe still needs to check with the Lutheran church as a potential meeting place. He also is investigating a nearby school.

James checked with the Nessler Center.

New Business:

Joe said that the treadmill and desk are available at the church for anyone who want's them.

Skywarn Recognition Day: Cookie now owns the trailer. He might bring it to Skywarn Recognition Day.

A reminder that Winter Field Day is coming up in January.

We need a chairman for the hamfest. We should contact Icom and Yaesu for donations.

Show and Tell:

James: His interests are mobile, satellites and everything working properly.

He showed a Bird wattmeter; an MFJ analyzer; a Comet analyzer 1,8 to 500 MHz; a VNA from Mini Radio Solutions. The Comet includes a display for frequency sweeps.

Wavelength is $492 \times VF$ (velocity factor) / f (frequency). The VF for RG8 or RG213 is .66. Cable from analyzer to antenna should be $\frac{1}{2}$ wave length.

A discussion of verticals, dipoles, height of dipole, etc. followed.

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Since there was only one person nominated for each office, the vote was unanimous and the 2016 slate is:

President:	Eric Achord, KF5RUW
Vice-President:	Cookie Cooke, K5EWJ
Secretary:	John Paterson, KC5LAA
Treasurer:	Joe Wileman, AA5OP

Meeting adjourned at 1940.

The next meeting will be the annual dinner meeting at Ryan's Buffet on Thursday, December 10, 2015.

s/ John, KC5LAA
Recording Secretary