

TIDELANDS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting March 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order BY Cookie, K5EWJ, at 1900.

Those present were:

Cookie, K5EWJ (Vice-President)

Joe, AA5OP (Treasurer)

John, KC5LAA (Secretary)

Louis, WB5BMB

Wink, N5ECE

Curt, WB5UZZ

Dave, K8DY

Ken, KF5PGU

Joe, WA5OMB

Kerry, KF5WDU

Philip, KG5JPG

Ray, KF5IZN

Wes, KF5UKF

That's 14 attendees!

John read the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Joe provided the treasurer's report.

Traffic:

Cookie called for selection of President. He was elected by acclamation.

Joe, AA5OP, said we also now need a vice-president. Joe Gallagher, WA5OMB, volunteered and was elected by acclamation.

Cookie and Joe G. both agreed that the duties of the VP are monthly programs.

Eric Acord has been invited back. Cookie said that we want more members under 50.

Discussed plans for hamfest. We have a commitment for 5 tables so far. Grapevine Amateur Supply will need 5, Jubilee Enterprises 5. Main Trading will come, don't know how many tables. Sign man 3 tables. Houston Amateur Radio we don't know.

Cookie has put out a query to see what people want in the club. He got 10 responses, all different. He will try to organize.

A discussion of location for Christmas dinner meeting followed.

Cookie is concerned about the future direction of the club. Activities could be: 40 meter antenna in March QST, CW, QRP transceiver for 40 meters for \$50.

Curt mentioned Bill Steel and his software defined radio and 3D printed case.

There was a discussion of CW and training, Also CW for Field Day.

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When Eric was president, Cookie and he had decided to buy N3JFP logging software. Eric ordered it for Winter Field Day. Cookie called writer of the software, N5BPS, and asked about use by the club, himself, etc. Can do for an additional \$35. Cookie sent in on Monday but has not received the code yet.

Joe Gallagher asked that we please send him our interests to AAR6GJ@sbcglobal.net.

Joe G. said his first glimpse of ham radio was when he was at Alamo Heights High School, looking at a QST magazine. He passed the code test on the 2nd try, the the written test on 2nd try. He earned the callsign WA5OBM.

Cookie gave us some history of his ham testing, and showed us many different keys used for CW.

Meeting adjourned at 2100.

The next meeting will be at the North County Building on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

s/ John, KC5LAA
Recording Secretary