



# Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2019



The meeting was called to order by President Davoust at 1030, October 26, 2019 in the Paris City Courtroom. (For members present see attached attendance list).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Keisler.

Opening Prayer was led by Kelly Collins.

The President called for Committee Reports.

Randy Holland, N5DDS, presented the club with an inventory of equipment. The WB5RDD Property List is available to any member who requests it.

Kelly Collins gave a detailed report on several items of business including raising the repeater antennas with drill stems. The stems are 32 ft long and require a long trailer to transport. It will take much manpower to get drill stems to the roof. The drill stems will support the antennas.

All members who have hot spots should take a picture of the nomenclature and serial numbers and send them to Jerry. A discussion followed regarding terms of service on hot spots. A discussion followed regarding who is in charge of the hotspots. It was noted that Leo Salas N5JEP was point on the hotspots.

Turkey Trot is Nov 28 at 7 AM. Meet at Loves for assignment. We will operate on 146.480 Simplex FM for communications.

Christmas dinner is 6 PM Dec 12, Thursday at Magels with the Lion's Club.

It was brought up by T Wayne Moore, KC5KOH that if the club wanted to use Big Daddy's for a pre-meeting breakfast it would be convenient and nearby. A motion was made that all who wanted to go there should go there. Jerry seconded the motion. One opposed, motion carried.

Jerry brought up about making reservations for the courtroom for next year.

Next year for Field Day our call will be W4W.

Testing December 7, 2019 at 10 AM in City Courtroom.

Texoma Hamarama Oct 25 and 26. It was mentioned by Charles Penry WA5VHU that it was not reasonable for our club to meet on a Saturday and should meet on a Tuesday or Thursday like other reasonable clubs meet. This was met with some discussion and feelings ran strong. No action was taken.

Paris police department COPS (Citizens on Patrol) will hold training starting in January 8<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup> one night per week.

Kelly was given the floor. He discussed the Lions Club raising money for glasses for youth. He brought up that we should combine our efforts with the Lions and help support this cause. He wanted to do a "Roar Lions Roar" fund raiser with a motorcycle ride. This discussion was interrupted by a phone call to Kelly by our tower climber. He was advised that we need his paperwork. Kelly continued to discuss the Lions Club and how we can assist them in keeping going. These efforts may help on our 501C3 filings. Additionally the Lions are committed to sharing 50/50 with the Ham Club on the Fair. A discussion followed. Kelly requested that the club support the Lions Club on other fund raisers. He stated that aging membership is hampering organizations being able to raise funds and promote causes.

Randy brought up about poor participation at the fair this year. The school pulled out at last minute from supporting event. Randy stated that the club is not supporting the event like it should. A discussion followed regarding driving and distance to events. This resulted in a blow out from some members.

A discussion followed regarding a ham school either before or after then meeting.

T Wayne suggested that we get a PayPal account to accept dues from members on the web site. A motion was made by Jerry Keisler, WA5KZA to establish this PayPal account. Charles Penry seconded the motion. The motion was withdrawn by Jerry Keisler, WA5KZA. Dan suggested that one or two people get the facts regarding this matter and report back at next meeting. Motion was withdrawn.

A discussion regarding the bio on QRZ.Com was discussed. Leo is the club webmaster. This will be referred to him for action.

A short discussion regarding one person having sole access to accounts or other matters; in case someone were to be incapacitated the consensus was that we need at least two club members able to access our accounts. It was noted that we need another member of the club other than Leo to also be able to access matters of the club regarding hotspots and other matters. In the event Leo were unable or unavailable we need the added redundancy for the club. No specific action was taken.

KI5FDG, Mr. Williams of Clarksville and N5FHF, Grant Innis were welcomed as new members.

Jerry Williams won the drawing and donated it back to club. \$24.00

Meeting adjourned in good order by the President upon completing of all business.