



Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2023

Meeting:

1. Meeting was called to order at High Cotton Kitchen at 12:01AM/PM by Club President T. Wayne Moore (KC5KOH).
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by T. Wayne Moore.
3. Opening Prayer was led by Kelly Collins (W5KJC).

Rules:

The Constitution & Bylaws language governing Board of Directors (BOD) meetings has the following language: Article VII. Meetings - Section 7.03 Board of Director Meetings - The Board of Directors shall make its own rules as to procedure, time, place, and notice of its meetings, and keep a record of its proceedings. The Board of Directors (BOD) is authorized to conduct meetings by the rules adopted.

The following rules were adopted at the August 7, 2021 BOD meeting:

- All future BOD meetings may be conducted either in person or by electronic means (i.e. not in person). Electronic meetings may be by teleconference, video chat or other methods approved by the BOD.
- All BOD meetings, whether in person or electronically, shall require the Club Secretary to prepare and distribute a report of all votes and action taken. This report shall be distributed within ten (10) days.

Quorum:

Section 7.05 Quorum (a) At meetings of the Board of Directors, five (5) or more Officers, one of whom shall be the President, or in his/her absence the Vice President, shall constitute a quorum.

Note: Prior to the meeting Club Treasurer George Haneke (NV7Z) notified the group that he was too ill to attend. He gave his Duly Designated Representative (DDR) designation to Rick Leonhardt (NN7ET) who sat in for him.

Officers in attendance:

1. T. Wayne Moore (KC5KOH), President
2. Mark Johnson (W5PTX), Vice President
3. Rick Leonhardt (NN7ET) (DDR for George Haneke (NV7Z), Treasurer)
4. Phillip Beall (W5EBC), Secretary



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5. Kelly Collins (W5KJC), Member BOD
6. Mel Toye (K5KEY), Member BOD
7. Dan Beard (KB7JZI), Member BOD

Also in attendance:

- Mike Rice (WB5KWK)

Treasurer's Report:

George through Rick submitted the annual budget. Using essentially the same numbers and format as last year. Those numbers are available to any member in good standing upon request.

Secretary's Report:

Phillip had a lengthy talking points document where he brought the group up to speed on all of the recent actions taken by the Club. His remarks will be uploaded as an attachment to the minutes on the Club website.

Old Business (previous BOD meetings):

- Club Meeting Program Coordinator – Action taken – Phillip was directed to notify the membership that we are looking for one or more volunteers to fill the position and request interested persons to contact T. Wayne Moore.
- Awards Nominating Committee – Action taken – Phillip was directed to notify the membership that we are looking for one or more volunteers to fill the position and request interested persons to contact T. Wayne Moore.
- 2023 RRVARC 50th Anniversary – Consolidated with the next two bullets. Vendors are being coordinated to develop “micro store” offerings. The final product will be reviewed by the officers and published to the membership.
- Club shirt(s) adaptation – See previous note above.
- Club “store” – See previous note above.

New Business (Agenda):

- Virtual 903 Phone Number – George has his personal phone number registered with the bank and ARRL. Phillip's cell number is listed with the State of Texas, WebHostFace (website domain host), Google Domains (our domain registrar), the City of Paris (Love Civic Center Pavilion reservation), others. This was briefed, but due to current budget constraints it was tabled until the next BOD meeting.



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- Lion's Club Fair participation – This was roundly discussed, several options were considered and debated. Part of the Business Development Proposal that Phillip made to the BOD included a cost benefit analysis of the Lion's Club fair arrangement. For more on that analysis please see that paper which will be posted along with the Minutes. In the end the Club's participation with the Lion's Club at the fair was terminated due to poor rate of return on the effort that is involved. All the officers made it clear that Kelly Collins' efforts to get the two groups together had succeeded in generating badly needed revenue in order to pay for everything at the Atlas site. His efforts were largely what funded the entire project and for that we all owe him a debt of gratitude. In the end the vote was unanimous to discontinue the arrangement.
- Budget – This was handled as laid out in the Treasurer's Report above.
- Hardware Insurance – The Club members had previously tasked the BOD to look into hardware insurance. ARRL hardware insurance is \$1.40 per \$100 declared value on a replacement cost basis. With an informal valuation of \$10,000 for the gear at the Atlas site annual cost for hardware insurance would be \$1,400. After a great deal of discussion, the BOD opted to start off with ½ replacement cost. Once the requisite details are gathered for an application, we will secure \$5,000 worth of insurance. As Club finances stabilize and improve a greater value will be considered.
- Mesquite TX HamComm Sponsorship – Having just determined that Club finances were insufficient to pay for more than ½ of the insurance needed to cover the Atlas site the difficult decision was made to forgo making a contribution to this effort.
- Business Development Proposal – Phillip made a presentation that was nine pages long plus support elements. The paper outlines a plan to leverage the Club website and repeater capability in an effort to secure community sponsorship. One element is a tri-fold flyer. Both the plan and a first (very primitive) flyer will be uploaded to the Club website along with the Minutes. Phillip was told to continue ahead with the plan. Dan Beard is going to work on slimming the brochure down and then someone will be tasked with going to Pickle Printing to see what they will do for us on printing a small sample.
- Love Civic Center – Who is liaison and can we secure permission to mount marine grade hardware? Charles Penry (WA5VHU) and Phillip wish to explore taking the Beall scissor lift over to the Love Civic Center Pavilion and install marine grade pulleys onto the cover and some light poles. This would facilitate erection and takedown of long-wire for Field Day activities. Kelly Collins was tasked with arranging contact for a meeting with appropriate personnel.
- Pop-up air conditioned tents – Who has them, can we use them? There were rumored FEMA tents, one with two air conditioning units and one with a single unit, that were sourced for use at the Tour de Paris. Rumors abound, but nobody in Club leadership had seen them. There was agreement that if anyone would know about them it would be Paris PD Assistant Chief



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Tuttle. Mel Toye offered that they are friends and so he would reach out to Tuttle and inquire about them. Our question would be if the Club might could set them up under the cover at Field Day and use them for operators. If the larger one were used for operators and the smaller one for cots the group believes we might increase participation. Mel was tasked with looking into that matter.

- QSL cards? – Tabled.

Closing:

- Motion to adjourn by Kelly Collins Seconded by Dan Beard, MOTION PASSED.

Other Notes: