

Secretary Notes

April 22, 2023

I know some of you guys literally hate hearing any administrative details, but the truth of it is that we are required to pass along some of the information. At this meeting we have a proposed Constitution & Bylaws change and there is simply no way that we can avoid having at least a brief discussion. If someone slows things down with a million questions, maybe take them to the parking lot for a blanket party instead of stoning the officers. I will keep my remarks as brief as possible.

To start off, Kathy and I have a brand new Gordon West General Exam study guide to give away. Is anyone interested? Is more than one person interested? Do a drawing if yes.

Next, we have a resolution from the BOD meeting. The takeaways are:

- The officers unanimously passed a resolution requesting the members to lower the quorum requirement for a board meeting from 5 to 4 officers.
- All of the officers have other obligations and we have on rare occasion had to scramble a bit to get 5 able to be in the same place at the same time.
- We have adopted rules that allow electronic participation, but in person is preferred.
- We brought 20 copies of the resolution which are being handed out. I will not read it because there is simply no point, it is very straight forward.
- We are looking for a maker and a second and then it can be discussed, although my recommendation would be to keep it short because this is the recommendation of your board, people that you have elected to represent you.
- Our Constitution requires that when we want to modify it, we must have a resolution such as this one, that it must be introduced at a Club meeting, it must be "laid on the table" or postponed to the next meeting. The Club leadership must then advertise it to the membership so that the entire membership has the option to attend the next meeting. At that next meeting the resolution will be debated and voted on. It requires a 2/3rd vote of the entire Club, so 32 people must vote yes for it to be adopted. Some might ask why the standard is so high? Because we had some people pull a fast one and take over the Club at one point in the past, a minority but one that was kind of clever when it came to Robert's Rules; we made a conscious effort to make sure the whole of the Club was informed of any major changes and that they all got to have a vote and the passage threshold is very high. We have rarely had 32 people at a meeting so we are hoping the Club 50th will get us over the hump on the number required.
- Dispositon?

1. May Club Meeting:

- a. May 20th which is moved up a week to deconflict with Memorial Day weekend.
- b. It is the 50th Anniversary of the Club.
- c. We are going to have several guests.
- d. We are also expecting a larger than normal group.

- i. We are looking for 2-3 people to work as chaperones for guests - volunteers? OK, let's do it this way, how many of you have seen Ferris Bueller's Day Off? Remember the scene where Ben Stein is teaching the economics class and calling roll? Bueller? Bueller? Bueller? I am going to call roll from our sign in sheet. By the time I get to the end I hope to have the 2-3 names that we need. We aren't asking you to give up a kidney, we want the Club to seem warm, inviting and appreciative of our guests coming.
 - ii. We are also looking for someone to make sure we get everyone signed in and guests listed - volunteers? Again, just one person. Bueller? Bueller? Bueller?
 - e. We have a number of things in the works that will hopefully please everyone.
- 2. Repeater tones – If you are not a listed and trained Control Operator for our license you ARE NOT authorized to link and unlink repeaters, NCTC, etc. The officers believe one or more unauthorized person is using the tones and we want to make it clear, in the strongest of terms, if you are not a listed and trained Control Operator – DO NOT USE THE TONES.
- 3. We are looking at ways to increase the footprint of our repeater coverage. Especially if there are ways to do it near-term that are more economical than recreating our Atlas setup. Club President T. Wayne Moore has tasked me with exploring linking to other repeater operators in Southeast OK. Some or all of you will have seen an email that I sent the group asking if they knew who a person was that approached me at Paris Coffee a number of years ago. I got two possibilities. I have emailed the one and lacking an email address for the other I will send him a letter...unless maybe someone here today knows a phone number and/or email address for Ivan L. Stepp (KB5JTR) out of Hugo, OK? We do have Club member John Emmett (KI5KC) here today. He lives in Antlers, OK, and he has a somewhat similar setup to ours at his home. He runs a pair of Yaesu repeaters and he has expressed a willingness to perhaps do a connection with our 76 repeater that would be analogous to the NCTC connection that we current have on the 444.500 repeater. We will update the group as we make progress on that.
- 4. One component of increasing our utility is to introduce or reintroduce some capability to our current setup. Those of you that know about EchoLink and might like the option to check in on the net if you are away on a trip; we will need to repair a piece of hardware that the Club currently owns and perhaps buy another piece. I will be working with Kelly Collins and Charles Penry to sketch out an infrastructure diagram that includes these things, come up with a price, take it to the board and then if the board agrees we will bring a complete briefing to all of you.
- 5. Please take a look at the Club News section of the website. We are constantly adding content there.