



Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2023

Opening:

1. The regular meeting of the Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 10:00AM on September 23, 2023 at High Cotton Kitchen by Club President T. Wayne Moore.
2. Present were twenty total members and four guests. Members present were Kathy Beall (W5WON), Phillip Beall (W5EBC), Charles Ferguson (KJ5BLH), Jesse Hembree (KI5BNE), Randy Holland (N5DDS), Mark Johnson (W5PTX), Chuck Knight (KD6UMU), Cliff Leath (KI5OPP), Kim Ledbetter (KI5VLH), Rick Leonhardt (NN7ET), Maskell Maroney (KI5VGQ), T. Wayne Moore (KC5KOH), Mike Rice (WB5KWK), Vicki Ross (KG5YWO), Leo Salas (N5JEP), Thresa Salas (KE5JPM), Johnny Thomas (WB5JT), William "Bill" Townsend (KJ5ABG), Mel Toye (K5KEY) and Ben York (K5BLY). Also present were four guests/visitors: Larry Johnson (AF5EA), Michelle Johnson, Sara Richardson (KI5PZF) and Allen Shutt (KE5VOH).

Meeting:

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Phillip Beall.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Kim Ledbetter.

Administrative Reporting and Action:

1. T. Wayne Moore chaired the meeting.
2. He next inquired of Phillip if we had a quorum (53 total members, C&B requires 1/3 present = 17 required, 20 present, quorum achieved).
3. He reminded the group that if they collect cans for Vicki Ross to recycle, if she is not at the meeting, she is likely at Harbor Freight. Take the cans there and put them in her truck bed and she will deliver them.

Award Presentation:

Club President T. Wayne Moore called upon Johnny Thomas (WB5JT) and said:

At a board of directors meeting earlier this year the Club leadership adopted some award categories and one of them was the Distinguished Service Award.

We will brief other awards next month, but the first Distinguished Service Award is going to Johnny Thomas (WB5JT).

Johnny, you are an inspiration to all of us. Your selfless sacrifice through the years makes this award seem tiny, but it is a sincere token of our appreciation.

Johnny was then given a trophy in the form of an engraved star.

The Beall's also gave Mel Toye a cute sign in appreciation for his loan of the trailer for Field Day 2023:



Old Business:

Who?	What?
Leo Salas	Reminded the group that the hotspots had been paid for by the Club and those that had raised their hand needed to reimburse the Club the \$15. When you go online and pay for the year of data that is \$129 total for twelve months of unlimited T-Mobile data. We will get our next allotment of eleven on July 1 st of 2024.
Mike Rice – Motion to Postpone all Treasurer’s Reports, Seconded by Rick Leonhardt.	Motion Passed
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Program:

Allen Shutt (KE5VOH) came and brought 40 blue hard cases, similar to rollaboard suitcases, with extending handles, wheels and internal chargers. He did a presentation on how the cases are used for teaching robotics to children. Pictures will be posted to Club News and several people expressed interest in making a “go box” for power, one or more radios or both.

New Business:

Who?	What?
Jerry Keisler	December 2 testing.
Leo Salas	Mobile Beacon hot spots \$15 each for the hardware, \$10 per month (\$120 a year) paid a year in advance.

Drawing:

1. Who Won: Johnny Thomas
2. How Much: \$52
3. Disposition: Returned all \$52 to the Club.

Closing:

Moton to adjourn by Mike Rice, Seconded by Bill Townsend; MOTION PASSED.

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If anyone with a keen eye notices any mistakes, please email (phillipbeall@beallz.net) and let me know. Thanks - Phillip