



Majors Field Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Business Meeting

MAY 10, 2018

Agenda

- Officer Reports
- Calendar of Events & Announcements
- New/Old Business
- Adjournment



Current Officers

- **PRESIDENT**
Larry Smith – K5XB
- **VICE-PRESIDENT**
Michael Ketchum – K5MDK
- **SECRETARY**
Scott Davis – KK7JS
- **TREASURER**
John C. Nelson Jr. – NØDFW
- **TRUSTEE**
Jonathan Brown – WB5KSD



Officer Reports

- **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
 - **MEETING MINUTES** – as published in the AirWaves newsletter.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** – John Nelson Jr. – NØDFW
- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Larry Smith – K5XB
 - **NEW CLUB CALL SIGN**



Select Committee Reports

- **DIGITAL REPEATER**
 - Internet in the trailer at MSTF has been checked out and is ready
 - Gather work party now to install new repeater
 - Waiting to program hardware with new call sign.

- **HAM LICENSING CLASS**
 - May 19 and 20, Armory



Calendar of Events

- Rains ARA Meeting Saturday, May 12th, Rains County EOC at 9 AM. Combined Rains/Hopkins County net Mondays 7:30 PM 146.92(-) (88.5)
- SVARA May 17th at 7 PM Hunt County Regional Hospital, Greenville – 2nd floor. Net Thursdays 7 PM 146.78(-) 114.8Hz (Except meeting night)
- Rockwall ARC varies. Check Google Groups
- Van Zandt County ARES meets Saturday, May 19th 9 AM, Canton Library.
- Next Majors Field ARC Meeting June 14th at 11:45am --- Kitty Hawk CR.
- FIELD DAY, June 22-24, Audie Murphy/Cotton Museum www.arrl.org



Hamfest Calendar

- Upcoming
 - Dayton HamVention, May 18-19-20, Xenia, OH www.hamvention.org
 - HAM-COM, June 8-9-10, Plano, TX www.hamcom.org
 - Ham Holiday 2018, July 27, OK City, OK, <http://www.hamholiday.org>

- Long Range Planning
 - Summerfest 2018, Aug 3, Austin, TX, Texas State Convention www.austinsummerfest.org
 - Belton HamEXPO!, Oct 6, Belton, TX, www.tarc.org/hamexpo/
 - Texoma Hamarama, Oct 26, Ardmore, OK, <http://www.texomahamarama.org>



Old Business

- Revisit club approval of \$600 (+/- within reason) to acquire a used Kenwood TK-750 repeater to replace aging 2-meter machine
- Repeater Linking Project
- Echolink
- Field Day upcoming. Committee: report basic outline plan.
- ARRL Affiliation (need to discover if we ever were affiliated in the past. If not, we need to apply)



New Business

- **CLUB WEBSITE REVIEW**

- **Problems**

- Joomla! CMS is out of date and cannot be upgraded in its present state.
- Old CMS had issues with User Profile page that allows changes to profile and passwords.
- Old CMS had issues with password reset.
- Was recently hacked badly, resulting in redirects and more damage to the Joomla! CMS software configuration.
- Club is changing callsign – great time to get a new domain.



New Business

- **CLUB WEBSITE REVIEW**
 - **2-tier Solution**

1. Simple static website

Static website that just has club history, repeater information, membership information, etc.. The website can link directly to certain files posted within Groups.io, such as newsletters, etc..

2. Groups.IO

This is a managed site for Email postings, Calendar, Photo, File, and discussion boards. Properly managed, it would be a great companion to a static website.



New Business

- **CLUB WEBSITE REVIEW**
 - **2-tier Solution**
 - Similar to Yahoo Groups but much better
 - Provides for EMAIL features to group
 - RSS Feeds
 - Google Drive feature for multiple zones for file sharing.
 - No Ads or tracking



New Business

- **CLUB WEBSITE REVIEW**
 - **Conclusion**
 - Apply for a new domain name to match club call.
 - Replace Joomla! CMS with a static website consisting of a few webpages:
 - Splash Home
 - About
 - Meetings
 - Membership
 - Repeater
 - Link to Groups.io calendar
 - Link to Groups.io newsletters
 - Create and populate a new Groups.io group.



New Business

- **CLUB WEBSITE REVIEW**
 - **OTHER IDEAS OR DISCUSSION?**



Wrap-Up

- Go Backs?
- Do Overs?
- Second Guesses?
- I Wish I Had Said...
- I Just Remembered...

- Remember to add your name to the sign in sheet!



Program

- Ham Radio...On Your Smartphone!
 - Michael Ketchum



Adjournment

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THE END

