



Oak Forest Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes and Notes February 27, 2021

Meeting was held as an online meeting starting at 9:00 AM Central Standard Time

Agenda:

- 1) Wellness check all attendee's – Status of attendees after the record winter storm.
- 2) Thank all for help. Make note of ARES during the storm.
- 3) Business Meeting- No minutes reported from last meeting.
- 4) Treasurer's Report: Rick reported on the status of receipts and disbursements
- 5) Nominations and vote for officers for 2021
- 6) Administrative items
- 7) Webpage matters
- 8) Meeting location discussion
- 9) Patches and shirts
- 10) Meeting topic

Reimbursement for expenses: Members voted to reimburse Rusty Wilson for out of pocket expense and costs for website.

Other costs for insurance due in June

Difficulty with receiving payments from online discussed. Recommended sending cash which is probably low risk given other risks of loss from checks. Money orders also can be managed.

Nominations and Vote for Officers for 2021

President: Steve W2WF, New

Vice President: Jeremy KG5PYY New

Treasurer: Rick KE5AOA, continuing for 2021 and would like to step down after current term.

Secretary: Mark WB5ANN, New

Voted and seconded for 2021. No objections.

Administrative:

Discussion regarding club administration and substitution for Jim McClain for the club Director.

Club Directors:

Don KG5PFN (New) taking over for Jim McClain (SK)

Mark WB5ANN (Continuing)

Ralph KE5HDF (Continuing)

Web Page:

KG5IRR Barry would like to transition webpage and like more content from members.

Jeremy agreed to work with Barry to help with webpage. Brad K5BES also may help with web page. Agreed to work offline to provide content administration for web page.

Meeting Locations:

Mark WB5ANN noted no change to status at Transtar for meetings. Continue online meetings and / or livestream Zoom meetings even when fact to face meetings resume.



Patches and Shirts:

Reimbursement to Rusty for shirts ordered. Discussion about patches and name patches for club. Bob N5RLN can do names. Discussion about making patches with club logo and separately make patches for names. Jeremy KG5PYY to look into bulk patches. Work issue as time permits.

Meeting Topic: Enhancing hand held transmitting using “tiger tails” as counterpoises for hand held radios. Youtube videos presented. Take-away: The tiger tails work best when resonant. Discussion noted certain “rubber duckies” may actually be dipoles already and the counterpoises may not behave as expected. Understanding the details of the antennas may be needed. In any event, when properly tuned, the tiger tails appear to increase performance.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.

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