

Lewisville Amateur Radio Association Meeting April 18th 2005

Recorded by Jim Lavin, Vice President

President Len Shipp, KC5MPX, called the meeting to order at 8:25 AM

Officers in attendance:

President: Len Shipp, KC5MPX

Vice President: Jim Lavin, K5VZ

Treasurer: Sharon Howard, KE5JUI

Attendance: 7 members, 2 new members joined Steve Kline, W5JK and Tom Gurney, KG5DCB

The members made introductions, each gave a short bio about themselves.

There was no secretary's report. Lee Norup, K5WXR, motioned to accept, Sharon Howard, KE5JUI, seconded, all voted in favor.

Sharon Howard, KE5JUI, gave the treasurer's report. Bank checking and savings accounts were setup with \$170. \$155 was dues, \$15 donation. We are wanting to setup a 501(3)c the filing fee is \$400. Lee Norup, K5WXR, motioned to accept, Tom Gurney, KG5DCB, seconded, all voted to accept.

Len Shipp, KC5MPX, gave the trustee's report. We have noticed some issues with the 17 repeater, we are planning to schedule a site visit within the next 3 weeks, once checked, we will plan action to correct any issues. We received our club call sign KG5GYR, we have applied for a vanity call sign W5LVC and the FCC has acknowledge receipt of the application. Jim Lavin, K5VZ, motioned to accept, Dan Howard, KE5CIR, seconded, all voted to accept.

New business:

City of Lewisville is having an event, Keeping Traditions Alive on May 8th and is looking for volunteers to monitor the beer tent from 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM. We would like to have a few people volunteer. Jim Lavin, K5VZ, and Steve Kline, W5JK, volunteered to work the event. Len Shipp, KC5MPX, will send contact details for the event.

City of Lewisville is hosting Chalkless Way on May 9th and the club wants to set up a public information table. Dan Howard, KE5CIR, and Sharon Howard, KE5JUI, volunteered to set up the table and man it.

Len Shipp, KC5MPX, brought up the purchase of 6' x 2' banners for the club at \$20 each. Dan Howard, KE5CIR, volunteered to purchase one as a donation to the club and Steve Kline, W5JK, volunteered to donated the second banner. Len will be purchasing the banners within the next week.

A request was brought up to change the by-laws to change the authorized signers for the club bank accounts to the president and treasurer. This will put the club by-laws in line with how the club bank accounts were created. Dan Howard, KE5CIR, motioned to accept, Tom Gurney, KG5DCB, seconded, all voted in favor. Jim Lavin, K5VZ, will make changes to the by-laws and post them on the site once complete.

Website:

The club has registered lewisvilleamateurradioassociation.org and Jim Lavin, K5VZ, will be hosting the site for the club until the club finds a more permanent home. Jim Lavin is also in the process of creating the first draft of the web site and requested suggestions for what content the club wanted to see on the site. The following topics were brought up:

- Member Roster – Everybody that has agreed to be listed.
- Event Calendar – Month view
- On-line Membership Application linked to Paypal.
- By-laws, SOP
- Event pages
- Link to Denton County ARES
- Link to ARRL
- Ask an Elmer, Post questions to a mailing list that can be answered by anyone in the club.
- How to become a Ham operator information page.

Jim will act as Webmaster. Suggestions can be sent to him at jlavin@jimlavin.net with the subject LARA Website.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

Presentation:

The club wants to host a radio day in the park, which will be a J-Pole Antenna Build on May 16th at LLWoods Park. Breakfast will be available to purchase at the park for donations. We will need everybody to bring items to use in the build. Len Shipp, KC5MPX, and Lee Norup, K5WXR, will get a list together of what is needed. The cost for each person that wants to build an antenna will be around \$20. We will set a deadline date to provide funds in order to purchase the required materials prior to the build day. More details will be emailed to the club, once details are finalized.

Lee showed everybody the actual antenna we will build. Dan Howard, KE5CIR, motioned to host the event, Tom Gurney, KG5DCB, seconded, all voted in favor.

Dan Howard, KE5CIR, motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jim Lavin, K5VZ, seconded, all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM.