

Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club
Bayou Region Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of Meeting
May 6, 2019

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by President George Tippet.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
The pledge of allegiance to the United States of America was led by Francis Boudreaux WD5CFM.
- III. Introduction of Members Present
Fourteen members were present and introduced themselves.
- IV. Reading of Minutes of Meetings
 - a. Acting secretary Don Bardwell WA5PRI read the minutes of the General Business Meeting of April 1, 2019. Minutes approved (KF5NSM/KF5JIM).
 - b. Don reported the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors on April 6, 2019.
- V. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Francis Boudreaux WD5CFM citing expenditures to US Postal Service and Hanover Insurance Group.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Net Report
Mike Robichaux KC5OKP reported there were 14 check-ins to the last net. He stated the additional net control volunteers were needed.
 - b. Repeater Report
Mike Robichaux KC5OKP gave the following report on the repeaters: 444.500 is working and has been used; 147.390 is functioning properly; 147.330 may have a new location; 147.300 has the System Fusion Wires-X system which will be described later in the meeting.
 - c. Activity Report
George Tippet reported that the Field Day Committee is having difficulty finding a location for the Field Day activity and is leaning toward obtaining permission to use the Military Museum. Mike KC5OKP commented that a contingency plan is needed.
 - d. Election of New Applicants to Club Membership
There were no applications.
 - e. Other Reports or Announcements
George WB5PKK reminded members that GiveNOLA Day is May 7, 2019.
- VII. Old Business
There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

President George Tippet WB5PKK presented the three proposals made by the Board of Directors to amend Section 26 of the By-laws of the Society. Section 26 addresses the distribution of information on By-Laws, conflict of interest policy, financial documents, and annual IRS filings.

Motion: Amend the By-Laws as recommended by the Board of Directors (WA5PRI/KG5FVG)

Motion: Amend the previous motion to include the phrase "free of charge upon request pending Board approval" to the end of Article 2.(KK5CM/KF5NSM)

Motion: Call the question on the previous motion and amendment. (KI5BNZ/KF5UJA)

Voting approved the amendment and the motion as amended. The three approved modifications of the By-Laws are the following:

1. Replace Article 2: Financial and IRS documents...BAYOU REGION AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC. shall provide copies of bylaws, conflict of interest policy, and financial documents free of charge upon request pending Board approval.
2. Delete Article 3 in its entirety.
3. Replace Article 4: IRS Annual information Returns...BAYOU REGION AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC. shall report IRS filings to the Board of Directors.

IX. Demonstration and Discussion of Wires-X on Theriot (147.300)

President George Tippet WB5PKK initiated informing the members present the presence of the Wires-X on the 147.300 System Fusion repeater. He presented Craig Matheny KK5CM who gave a welcomed presentation of the digital systems in place. Considerable instruction and discussion on the digital systems and DWARN (Digital Wide Area Repeater Network) followed. No club action was taken.

X. Adjournment

By motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. (WA5PRI/WD5CFM)