

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
June 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA

President Michael Higgins K15ZIQ started the meeting at 7:00 and welcomed everyone including, Cynthia via a Zoom call from Omaha, Nebraska. After the Pledge of Allegiance Michael we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

We had the Secretary Report which included the information that the Board of Directors approved a motion to suspend the Bylaws requirement to vote to approve each member application (pending a revision of the Constitution and Bylaws.) A thank you note went out to Jenny — Andrew's mom — for the refreshments at the last meeting. Also anyone not getting our hamclubonline emails, please get us your correct email address. There are currently 6 that are not being received. James Frank KW5CW gave the Treasurer's Report and both of those documents were referenced online with a QR code and url.

A brief ARES update by Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA included the importance of following protocol when participating in a storm watch. On the air reports should follow criteria being asked for with no side chatter.

Michael went over club announcements, upcoming events and training topics for the upcoming meetings. He also gave us a 6-month recap, relating the results of our feedback forms and membership and meeting attendance. We currently have 72 active members — a 42% increase for the year so far.

Michael Coffman AB5MC, our Field Day Coordinator, gave us a report on preparations made and what we should expect. He has done a great job inviting community members and getting the word out. The flyers and graphics look great! It will be a good day! We will start the day at Nick's for breakfast on Saturday with set up beginning at 9.

Update on trailer: The hunt for a trailer has been complicated by scam trailers offered online. We are being very careful. We discussed trailers we've seen available and scams we've come across.

Tamara announced that we are putting something together about radio etiquette and people should submit their ideas. We will have a box for questions or suggestions.

The ticket winners tonight were: Lee Sly N5SLY won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings back to the club. The door prize was a set of Allen wrenches and rope won by We dismissed and reconvened in the parking lot for a Car Show where 10 to 12 cars, trucks and a bicycle were on display showing off their radio and antenna setups.

Attendance:

	David Paige
KI5ZIP	Tamara L Higgins
KI5ZIQ	Michael A Higgins
KW5CW	James J Frank
KB5TMU	Levent M Kahveci
K1KLM	Kathleen L Malone
K2AQ	Howard F Malone
KG5FDT	Ricky Jessen
K1MRK	Mark T Poweski
KG5SKM	Andrew Bentley
AF5VA	Roy D Reed
KJ5FCW	Christin Umsted
KG5SJY	James A Johnson
K5EEN	David T Piekarski
KI5NUK	Ralph F Jerome

AB5MC	Michael A Coffman
KG5GMA	Marvin D Schiavone
KI5BMN	James R Shiplet
N5SLY	Lee Sly
W5DRT	David R Turner
KD0ZWW	Gregory G Stratton
KJ5APT	Colby Meals
KI5RFY	Rebecca Meals
KI5BWO	Alice A Hawk
K5PKF	Michael D Hawk
AA5KK	Donnie M Phipps
KF5LKG	David W Darcy
W5JFT	Trevor G Mangus
KG5GFI	Cody Williams

Guests:

Hayden Haskell, David Older KI5TWM, Laurie Thompson, Denise Wade, Arianna Alvarez
And: Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA via Zoom and FaceTime calls.