

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club  
July 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA

President Michael Higgins K15ZIQ started the meeting at 7:00 and welcomed everyone. After the Pledge of Allegiance Michael we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

The Vice President's report by James Shiplet KI5BMN was about the search for a trailer. It was moved and seconded to set up a committee who would have the authorization to purchase a trailer spending up to \$4500. James Shiplet KI5BMN, James Frank KW5CW, Jimmy Patterson KC5OLH, Joe Hayes KJ5BFD, and Mike Gaffney KG5EHC make up the committee. Anyone else interested may join them; please let James Shiplet know. We are looking for a dual-axle trailer at least 16 feet in length. We will need to see who has vehicles that can pull it and we will store it at Joe Hays's gated property in Whitesboro.

We had the Secretary Report by Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA which is posted on the website. There are still those not getting our hamclubonline emails. Please get us your correct email address.

James Frank KW5CW gave the Treasurer's Report which is also posted on our website. There was some discussion about the fact that, while the bank balance covers everything, some expenditures exceeded their budget categories, specifically the food expenses for the Eclipse event in May and Summer Field Day. We will discuss this in depth and consider revising our budget to allow for the changes in this year's club activities and membership at the next Board of Directors' meeting the first Tuesday in August. Board meetings are always open to everyone who wants to attend.

A brief ARES update by Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA included telling us about a weather course website that provides professional level advanced training. This information will be posted on the website and our Facebook page.

Michael KI5ZIQ went over club announcements, upcoming events and training topics for the upcoming meetings. The Red River Bridge War Special Event is going on now. August will be QSL-A Silent Key's Journey / David Piekarski; September: Fine Tuning and Finding Contacts; and October: Satellite Setup. Fun!

Michael Coffman AB5MC gave us Recap of Summer Field Day — a roaring success!! and the Car Show — Also a great event by our club! Are we good, or what?

We were introduced to some "Initiatives" we hope to embark on, such as Unified North Texas Radio Clubs, Saturday Seminar Day, Summits on the Air Group, GMRS — the Gateway Radio, local fall events booths, text reminders coming soon, and a Discord Board. These are cool ideas and show how innovative our club is! Can't wait to see them implemented!

Michael also gave the GCARC Newsletter accolades and expressed his pride in it. We should all refer to it regularly!

The Presentation was given by Cynthia K5EKA about “Homesteading” or “Surviving Outages” or “Becoming Self-Sufficient”. It was well-received and there were some good suggestions made from the members to make it an excellent presentation. At least it was a good reminder of what we all already know.

The ticket winners tonight were: David Turner W5DRT won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings back to the club. The door prize was a set of files won by Mike Hawk K5PKF.

Attendance:

Guests: Jim Stafford W5DTG, Moses Duran KI5IOR, David Older KI5TWM

K5EKA	Cynthia J VanSlogteren
KF5LKG	David W Darcy
KG5SKM	Andrew Bentley
KI5BMN	James R Shiplet
W5DRT	David R Turner
KI5NUK	Ralph F Jerome
KW5CW	James J Frank
KI5ZIQ	Michael A Higgins
KC5OLH	Jimmy D Patterson
KJ5BFD	Joe F Hayes
AB5MC	Michael A Coffman
KG5GMA	Marvin D Schiavone
KG5FDT	Ricky Jessen
N5SLY	Lee Sly
	Ken Westfall
	Dennis Wade
KM5ZN	Kent Smith

KC5NK	Steven C Ollmann
KG5SJY	James A Johnson
KI5DQ	James D Hunt
K5EEN	David T Piekarski
KI5BWO	Alice A Hawk
K5PKF	Mike Hawk
AA5KK	Donnie M Phipps
KD0ZWV	Gregory G Stratton
	David Paige
	Paul Ohashi
KJ5EHC	Michael G Gaffney
KJ5APT	Colby Meals
KI5RFY	Rebecca Meals
W5JFT	Trevor G Mangus
KI5ZIP	Tamara L Higgins
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