

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
August 20, 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.

Michael talked about 2024 Budget Expenditures and what was discussed last month. Roy Reed AF5VA talked about the purposes they had intended when the bylaws were written. Concerning last month's issue, he said in his opinion, "No foul, nothing done wrong."

Lee Sly N5SLY moved to have a discretionary fund that would allow the Board to spend money not allocated in the budget. Roy pointed out that it would have to go through the Bylaws committee. The motion was declared out of order.

Roy reiterated that the 501(c)(3) status requires that we follow our constitution and bylaws. He feels it is necessary to leave the clause in about approving members. The Committee will take it under consideration again.

Lee offered his opinion that we should have no dues. That we should operate on donations only.

The Vice President's report given by Michael (as James Shiplet KI5BMN is on the coast R-n-R-ing) was about the trailer we purchased. It is parked outside and we all took a look after the meeting. We paid \$4500 for it and it is beautiful and like new. The inside is empty but it has hooks and slides and things for outfitting it the way we want. It is 14', dual axle.

The following volunteered to design and construct the inside of the trailer: Roy, Glen W., and 1 other.

We had the Secretary Report by Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA which is posted on the website. It was announced that the officers had applied for a grant offered by ARRL. It was done just under the deadline, which was July 26. After pursuing professional grant writers and reading the help given by ARRL, we wrote it ourselves. Without having any money in the game, we figure we'd give it a go. Questions were answered. We haven't heard anything back.

James Frank KW5CW gave the Treasurer's Report which is also posted on our website.

Roy asked about discrepancy in Christmas deposits in May when \$50 was the "Total in Raffle" whereas \$100 was deposited. The column titles are reversed.

Winlink — last month we were tied for 2nd place in North Texas after Dallas.

Next ARES net will be on simplex around the county to find blind spots.

Michael KI5ZIQ went over club announcements, upcoming events and training topics for the upcoming meetings.

Ladies Net August 26 —145.250 plus Echolink

LDS Ham club is offering a course on August 31, Communications 101 - 8801 Martop Rd. Oakpoint

Friendly announcement: Cynthia's group, Oh Shoot, will be having a campout on Nov 8 -10 for purposes of seeing how prepared you might be for whatever.

The Presentation was given by David Piekarski K5EEN QSL-A Silent Key's Journey Silent Key from Anna, Raymond Stone. boxes of QSL cards and logs. Interesting story.

The ticket winners tonight were: the 50/50 drawin was won and donated back to the club. The door prize was a racheting crimping tool won by Mike Hawk K5PKF.

The meeting was adjourned — to the parking lot for those who wanted to look at the new trailer.

K5EKA	Cynthia J VanSlogteren
KI5BWO	Alice A Hawk
AK4TX	Christin Umsted
	David Paige
W5DRT	David R Turner
K5EEN	David T Piekarski
KW5CW	James J Frank
KI5ZIQ	Michael A Higgins
KI5ZIP	Tamara L Higgins
KJ5BFD	Joe F Hayes
AB5MC	Michael A Coffman
KG5GMA	Marvin D Schiavone
KG5FDT	Ricky Jessen
N5SLY	Lee Sly
KG5ECG	John B. Flanders

K5PKF	Mike Hawk
KG5SJY	James A Johnson
W5JFT	Trevor G Mangus
K1MRK	Mark Poweski
	Ken Westfall
	Dennis Wade
AA5KK	Donnie M Phipps
KD0ZWV	Gregory G Stratton
AF5VA	Roy D. Reed
KI5IDU	Michael Muellenborn
KI6LES	Les Key
N5LDO	Joseph G. Davis
KJ5FGV	Pat Hayes
W5DTG	Jim Stafford
	and 1 other

Attendance:

30 Members and 3 Guests

Guests: Pat Hayes KJ5FGV, Moses Duran KI5IOR, Matt McClellan