

BOD meeting notes August 5, 2025 held at Mariachi's Restaurant in Sherman

James Shiplet KI5BMN, Vice President, (via Zoom) started the meeting at 7:10. Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ is in Chicago.

In attendance:

K5EKA, Cynthia 'Jo' VanSlogteren, K5EEN Dave Pleksarski, Steve Ollmann K5CNK, James Hunt KI5DQ, Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA, Michael Goforth and wife, Riza.

Our August Club meeting Educational topic will be Greg Mirhan KJ6ER from California via a Zoom call to talk about the POTA Performer Antenna which he invented. We need to get with James Frank KW5CW for arranging any technical setup or handouts needed.

We discussed a real need for a PA system at our meetings. People in the back of the room can't hear and it would make it more comfortable for everyone. If we'd like to begin recording our meetings, Lance KM6LMP of the McKinney club is a great resource and can help us get started. Shiplet has an amp he will donate to the club.

Nomination and election of officers is coming up. Ricky Jessen KG5FDT was not able to attend the meeting but wanted to withdraw his name from consideration for Director at Large. This leaves us with 2 nominees: James Shiplet KI5BMN and James Hunt KI5DQ. Instead of pre-printing ballots for our secret vote, we decided to have the nominees on the screen and everyone will write their vote on a piece of paper.

We talked about possibilities for our new officers and would like to present it at the next meeting to encourage new people to get involved in this way. Right now potential nominees are Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA for president, Ricky Jessen KG5FDT for vice president. We need a secretary and a treasurer.

We discussed the need for a location for the Christmas Party. Jo K5EKA is in contact with Calhoun's 2.0 to see what they rent their facility for. Shiplet can contact the VFW lodge. Someone else had mentioned another lodge that they might look into. There is a possibility of a hall or meeting room in the old mall (the expo center in the back, maybe). There is a new Mexican restaurant in the mall. Schulman's Movie Bowl and Grille is also a good possibility. They have a meeting room and, if we include it in our price, we can throw axes and play the games, and the Grill and cater for us. We will need a caterer for the other locations. Shiplet said there's a BBQ place in Whitewright that might be a good choice.

We discussed the next steps for the trailer. James Hunt KI5DQ would like to provide a better solution for the bin racks rather than the cargo net we currently have. He needs the dimensions but so far has been unable to attend a workday. We need to arrange for storing the antenna up off the floor as the tires fell on it when it was traveling. Can the tires be mounted on the outside? The next workday is scheduled for after the Hungry Ham's Breakfast on August 30 at Bill Smith's Cafe in Van Alstyne.

Steve Ollmann K5CNK had donated some books to raffle off or for the club to keep as loaners. We are not sure where those books ended up. Jo K5EKA has a friend who would like to borrow the Gordon West book on Technician's license. Shiplet will see if he took them home and maybe Michael KI5ZIQ has them.

We need to plan a meeting to discuss the budget this month or next. It will be presented at the October meeting and voted on in November.

The Family Campout is October 3-5 and Eisenhower's Birthday is October 11th. We have the space just north of the birthplace house reserved for our activities that day, thanks to Marvin KG5GMA.

We were glad to have Michael Goforth in attendance. He said he learned a lot, including to watch out when you attend a meeting that you might get roped into volunteering for something.

We adjourned the meeting at 7:56 with only 4 minutes remaining on our zoom call.