

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club October 5th, 2026 BOD Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm by Jo VanSlogteren, President.

Officers present were:

President: Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA

Vice President: Steve Ollmann KC5NK was absent

Secretary: Mark Armstrong KJ5LKN was absent

Treasurer: Matt McClellan KJ5HTD

Director at Large: James Shiplet KI5BMN

We discussed the proofs supplied by FastSigns for the banners to be hung on the trailer. We are requesting new proofs based on our suggestions for changes.

Education topics left this year: October: DX Engineering on contesting, November: alternate power sources, election of officers, December: party to be held at Mariachi's — fajita buffet for \$18 each with 20% gratuity. We need to find out if there will be both chicken and beef.

We will take the trailer to the Eisenhower Birthplace Special Event. An email from Ken Neely at the park gave us our assigned area and parking, along with times to be set up and tear down.

Hungry Hams will be at Salty Heifer in Denison this month.

We went over the proposed changes to the Constitution and ByLaws. The main changes were primarily to make the rules more lenient so that we can make decisions from year to year and not have strict rules that have to be followed. We removed the requirements for secret ballots (though they can still be used if we decide to); we clarified duties of the treasurer and when the budget will be prepared and adopted; we removed the voting on new members (again, still can be done — just not required); we removed language regarding a “quorum” (changing it to “majority of qualified members present”); we allow for accepting a new officer if there is only one nomination, rather than voting on him / her; we allowed for the Annual Meeting to be decided upon rather than requiring it be in November; we clarified the family membership to be “immediate family” rather than “living in the same household”; we added our ability to accept or refuse donations; and we lightened up the requirements for “committees”, allowing them to have as few as 2 members rather than requiring 5 and we are calling them “teams”.

The proposed changes will be posted on the website and we will vote on them at the November meeting, with discussion or questions to be held at the November BOD meeting.

We received an email from a student at Piner Middle School requesting an interview for his school project. Jo will ask him his topic so we can decide who would be best to meet with him.

We will be setting up a table at the Fannin County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest in Bonham on November 14.

We changed our Budget meeting to November 9th, tentatively (a Monday night).

James Shiplet will be putting together a letter for soliciting sponsorships.
He is also going to find a contact for holding Winter Field Day at Town Center in Sherman.

We have been invited to have a table of 8 members at a discounted price at the Dension Soup Kitchen Chili Cookoff and Auction on Nov. 6. [\$35 each instead of \$50] To enter a chili the fee is \$25 and it includes entry.

Matt gave Jo the check for the Robotics donation to give to Texoma Home Educators. (\$1,000 — \$500 from the club, matched by Glen Willie WW5GRW.)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Additional members in Attendance:

KG5GMA Marvin Schiavone

KG5SKM Andrew Bentley