

Upper Lake Livingston Wireless Association Minutes
November 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Smith (KO5K) at 7:02 PM at the Onalaska Pavilion. Fourteen licensed amateurs were in attendance: KO5K W5QVK KE5YHI KE5YOW KE5YOX N5LYB (and wife Barbara) KC5ZCD KB5RKF W5TXT KI5JDC KD5UAD KG5AWU KI5TBL KI5LWH and three visitors: Amanda Young, Nicholas Brown, and Jason Shults. KI5LWH was visiting and KI5TBL applied for membership.

The balance in the treasury is \$9128.15 after 1134.32 expenses.

All repeaters are operational consisting of the 147.04 (FM only), 145.35 (FM only), 442.150 (FM only), 147.16 FM/digital), and 443.25 (FM/digital). FM users will hear noise when digital is in use, digital users will hear unmodulated carrier when FM is in use.

Robert Herron (KD5UAD), ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC) commented on the necessity of preparedness for emergency use of amateur radio equipment and the Tuesday night nets. The newly purchased equipment being currently installed will eventually be used to link our repeaters together and/or Lufkin [(our District Emergency Coordinator (DEC)] when emergency conditions exist. The lack of digital capability at Emergency Management, the need to purchase and update the site was noted, and the matter tabled for further consideration.

It was noted that the website needs to be updated, lacking a current list of members, the newly elected, and other out of date features.

There is a need to think about potential fund methodology.

A severe lack of repeater usage was led to a discussion of the release of member telephone numbers and email addresses to the members (the licensed amateurs). A motion and a second to publish the names, call sign, telephone number(s), and email address (with option of a member to prohibit publication) as soon as possible under review and control of the Board) was successful with five positive and two negative votes (some not voting)

Michael Smith (KO5K) was elected President; Larry Pfeil (KF5YHI) was elected Vice President; Skip Strauss (W5TXT) was elected Secretary; and Walter Teal (KG5CMC) was elected Treasurer for 2021. Steve Bogart (KG5AWT); Rob Canet (KE5YOW) and Gene Kohrman (KI5JDC) are the new Board members.

James Walker, KA5TBL, became our newest member.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29.

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