

Upper Lake Livingston Wireless Association Minutes
February 14, 2019

President Michael Smith (KO5K) was in the hospital caused by a severe case of the flu. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Frank Lewis (KC5RJL) at 7:03 PM who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Two guests were present. The Red Cross was represented by Carolyn Bowman who presented an overview of the work of that organization and Courtney Comstock representing Polk County Emergency Management who gave a short talk about being very busy with Skywarn, Shelter Training, and COCORAS.

Twelve members were in attendance: WD5DAW KG5OZL KC5ZCD K5CLI W5EAT KC5RJL W5QVK KD5UAD KE5YOW KE5YOX KF5YHI and Jason Shults.

The Secretary had no comment other than observing that the club presently consists of eleven extra, one advanced, ten general, ten technician, and two associate members. Report approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$11,617.12 after expenses for the dinner, website and coffee items. Report approved.

Robert HERRON (KD5UAD) reported an ARES total of 35 man hours. Several members need to complete NIMS requirements.

The Public Information Officer (KG5CMC) reported nothing new; the website maintenance is behind schedule.

The need for a newsletter was mentioned by Vice President Lewis. No discussion, no action.

The Club dinner was a success, the past history of such events, and the need for an occasional Saturday breakfast was mentioned. No action.

The need for an allocation of club assets was discussed with the brief mention of a fund raiser. No discussion, no action.

A somewhat lengthy presentation of the scope and capabilities of digital communications with a survey of club interest was held by Vice President Lewis. Due to time limitations there was little discussion; no action.

A controller for the 04 repeater was authorized in the September meeting. Lack of technical expertise has delayed the choice of the unit. The matter was tabled. Technical support of the repeaters has been supplied by Steve Colburn (WB5HZM) in the past. Nothing new other than Frank Lewis (KC5RJL) commented he is qualified to provide technical support in lieu of Steve Colburn.

Net controllers were chosen for the coming three months. March: KC5ZCD April: KG5OZL May: KC5RJL

A Skywarn class has been scheduled 6 to 7 PM March 7th at the Dunbar Gym, 1103 Dunbar, in Livingston.

Mention of Texas Senate Bill 43 authored by Senator Judith Zaffner (lower Rio Grand valley) whose text seems to make it illegal to operate an amateur radio transmitter while in motion was mentioned by Buck Barrett (W5EAT). The text cites "portable" wireless devices are to be illegal. I have asked her to define in her bill whether an amateur transmitter permanently installed in a vehicle is "portable" rather than to have it defined by litigation in court as has been the case in other states. She has not answered. The current text and status of this bill may be read by entering "Texas SB43" in your search engine.

The program consisted of a presentation by Carolyn Bowman after the Pledge of Allegiance. She lives in Texas City, her office is in Orange, and she is responsible for 16 East Texas counties bounded by counties Sabine, westward to Houston, the south to Fort Bend and east along the coast to the Sabine river. She listed and discussed the various functions of the Red Cross and is looking for volunteers. There is currently only one volunteer in Polk county and is looking for volunteers: 1. Visit www.redcross.org/volunteer 2. Enter your zipcode to search for available opportunities. 3. Click "Apply Now" to Create a Red Cross ID. 4. Complete Steps 2 through 5.

The meeting was adjourned after a somewhat lengthy meeting at 8:27.

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