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Minutes of the Meeting of May 9, 2018, in the EM Conference Room in the County Annex, 198 Neel Ave.

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm by President Jim Boswell; 16 members in attendance. Minutes of the April 11 2018 Meeting were finalized; will be posted and approved next month.

Reports:

Treasury — Luis Aguilar: Beginning balance \$12,577.75, deposits \$40, final \$12,617.75; TARA balance is \$645.45

ARES — Al Braun AC5BX: All the usual nets. HF net moved to summer hours.

VE Session, five tested, two passed and received Technician licenses.

Charter School — Jon Spargo KC5NTW: one of the students who passed is from the School.

The test pool changes at the end of June; Jon will order five of the new books.

TARA — Skyler Fennel KD0WHB: Did the QSO Party, all solar, in the Quebradas area.

D-Star — Ray Calkins N0RBT: Had a glitch in the software; troubleshoot and cured with Prescott's help.

Upgrades needed 1. New computer, less heat, able to run newest OS. Also need to have Ed James monitoring the system, which will keep it consistent with other D-Star systems in the state. Need a laptop running RAID 1 (two physical hard drives).

Lab Night — Bear Albrecht W5VZB: Small but good session on April 25

Old Business:

- Election will be at the June meeting since proper notice had not been done for the May meeting.
- Additional nominations: Jim Boswell nominates Ray Calkins for Secretary, seconded, accepted. Ray Calkins nominates Jim Boswell for Treasurer, seconded, accepted.
- State Convention report by Jim Lommen.

Motion by Jon Spargo to budget \$1500 for Hamfest prizes; seconded. After discussion he amended the motion to \$2000, seconded, passed.

New Business:

- Discussion about signage improvements; report and proposal by next meeting.
- Discussion about M Mountain access. EMRTC has received the letter listing people who should have full-time access.
- Repeater batteries need to be inspected and perhaps replaced.
- Silent Key: Steve Grossman. Obituary is in El Defensor-Chieftain for May 10. Memorial will be in the Parish Hall at Epiphany Episcopal Church, May 19, 10:00 AM.
- Doug May: assistance to Tech PD at commencement on May 12; Dave Finley net control.
- Lab Night next: May 23. Need to send out reminders.
- Jim Oty has a legally blind friend who wants a short wave receiver.
- Prescott would like to have a new web site for the club; leans toward WordPress. Discuss next time.
- Eric Stargardt asked for a refund for an Icom IC-2410 transceiver that he bought at the silent auction in 2016, and which does not work (in spite of some attempted repairs). He made a motion to that effect, it was seconded, and there were no votes in favor.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Bear Albrecht W5VZB, Secretary