

UAARC Club Meeting Minutes April 8th, 2024

9 voting members present including 3 officers. No quorum so no club business was conducted.

1 visitor

Tony Munday (KI5OFD) – Called meeting to order with a standing roll call.

William Collier (KG5SVM) – Gave treasurer report:

31 members, 19 ARRL affiliated

General fund balance: \$877.30

2024 budget: \$690.50

2024 intake: \$630.00

Renewed ARRL liability insurance @ \$200.00 for 5/24 to 5/25

T-Shirts, Hats, and new club polo shirts available.

Belton Hamfest is 4/13

Emory Hamfest is 4/27

No Skywarn report

Tony Munday – Announced Larry Neely (KI0R) will be Field Day Coordinator this year.

Tony Munday – McKinney ARC will be having a “field day dress rehearsal” and POTA activation at Bonham State Park April 20th 10AM to 8PM

Tony Munday – Still working on getting permission from Greg Hutson and the City of Gilmer to use the airport terminal building for field day. So far, the response is positive but still waiting for official permission. Also, spoke with “JC” (a CUTX representative) about using their community event building for possible events in the future and was met with a positive response.

Tony Munday – Spoke with David Piekarski (the McKinney ARC president) and he is gathering paperwork to assist us with becoming a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Tony is also exploring options through Legal Zoom and other online resources.

John Keith (W5BWC) – Dallas area “trinity valley” Hamfest folks are still having trouble finding a venue. They are looking at locations close to McKinney now.

John Keith – May’s program is home brew night. Let John know if you have something you want to present. John will also put this out over the radio during our nets.

Jason Turcyn (KE4CPC) – Kilgore 5k race is April 27th. This is not a club event but anyone amateur operator wishing to volunteer can contact Jason for more details. Volunteers will need to meet with Jason in Kilgore at 7am on the morning of the race.

John Keith – Presented program on crossband repeater operation with Tony demonstrating his crossband repeat setup with an HT and crossband repeat box. Discussed specific Upshur ARES crossband repeat operation as well as possible issues with using mobile rigs for crossband operation. Rod (KNOWER) and Kuni (KT4LKS) Archer also demonstrated how they have used two HT's to setup a crossband repeater.

John Keith – Discussed current Upshur County emergency communication trailer status and possible future plans for ARES/UAARC involvement. It's a work in progress and many details need to be worked out still.

Tony – Moved to adjourn meeting and enjoy refreshments.

Debbie Collier (KI5BHT) – Brought refreshments.