

# BROKEN ARROW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MINUTES AUGUST 5, 2019

- I. Call to order: Bruce, K5PX
- II. Welcome to New Hams, Visitors, and Roll Call 18 in attendance.
- III. Minutes: No minute's previous month was Ice Cream Social
- IV. Treasurer's report given by Ray, WB5JJA. Previous month was given as no meeting in July with Balance being now \$6,255.81.

## **Tower Trailer Discussion:**

**Bruce, K5PX** related the tower trailer history as follows:

The trailer that was the base platform for the Tower Trailer was a damaged trailer that was purchased from an individual by **Dennis Dancer KD5DDD** and was then was donated to the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club, Inc. by **Dennis Dancer, KD5DDD**. The tower portion of said Tower Trailer was a damaged Triex W-51 crank up tower that was donated to the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. by **Guy Shipley, WB5MXO**. The Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. has, in its possession, documents transferring both the trailer and the tower to the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. Both items were taken to Lyle Johnson's shop for fabrication. The Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. has approximated \$436.00 in construction of the Tower Trailer. Several members donated personal funds, labor and time to the construction of the Tower Trailer. The last time the Tower Trailer was put into use by the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. was Field Day, June 25, 2018. At that time, it was discovered that the tower was bent and would not retract. Two of the club members climbed the tower and brought it down using safety blocks. After Field Day on June 26, 2018, the trailer was removed from the Field Day location by **Dennis Dancer KD5DDD**.

Since June 26, 2018 the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. has not had the Tower Trailer in its possession and does not know of the whereabouts of the Tower Trailer. Several attempts to have the Tower Trailer returned have failed. At the September Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. club meeting the membership voted to sell the Tower Trailer, by sealed bids, as is. On October 12, 2018 a registered letter was sent via the United States Postal Service, to **Dennis Dancer, KD5DDD** informing him or anyone else not to deploy the Tower Trailer, and to coordinate with **Ray Richardson, WB5JJA** for return of the Tower Trailer so it could be sold. The letter was signed by the then Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. president, **Wayne Hartsfield, KW5M**. The delivery of the letter was refused by **Dennis Dancer, KD5DDD**. And the unopened letter was returned to the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club, Inc. by the USPS. After much discussion it was decided that the club wishes to no longer be libel for trailer. Write off our expenses, and ownership, so we will no longer be libel for any damages pertaining to the Tower Trailer. **Dan Woods, W5BM** made motion to include this Tower Trailer discussion in the monthly minutes for a vote of members present.

**Motion:**

Whereas the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. has not had physical control of the Tower Trailer since June 29, 2018 and the location of said Tower Trailer is unknown and attempts to locate the Tower Trailer have failed, the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Inc. hereby relinquishes all ownership, liability and possession of said Tower Trailer.

Motion by **Dan Woods, W5BM**, seconded by **Ray Young, K5CFY**.

The motion carried by unanimous vote of the members present.

- V. **Bruce, K5PX** announced October meeting will be a cookout at his home.
- VI. Veterans Day celebration for Hams is November 17-18, 2019.
- VII. Club Christmas party this year will be at Asbury Church on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday night. Details will be given later.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried.

After a short break, **Walt, N5BYS** gave presentation “Pros and Cons to having a Digital Ham System”. The Difference between an Amateur and Commercial Ham System.