

Executive Committee Summary

February 17, 2018

The following items were discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting, held this past Saturday morning.

All members were present with the exception of Earl/WB5UUW who was out of town. There was one guest Bob Holmes/K5GSC. Which by the way, anyone wishing to attend the Executive Meeting is more than welcome to do so. Meeting times and dates can be obtained from any officer or can be obtained from the web site. The date will always be the third Saturday of each month and the location will hopefully settle in to the Central Library on Broadway Street in Broken Arrow.

Meeting was called to order at 8:am and the following discussions took place.

Ray/WB5JJA had a discussion with a local amateur who is incapacitated and suggested the club might consider going to that particular rehab center to provide a presentation on amateur radio for others who may wish to either listen or participate in amateur radio.

Guy/WB5MXO suggested contacting repeater users not on the roster and invite them to join the club in order to support club activities and programs. Also, maybe have a voice invitation on the repeater from time to time.

Russ/W5RLL commented on current activities being developed.

Dan/W5BM asked when we could get started on the repeater upgrades and moves in order to have all our machines back into service.

Bob Holmes/K5GSC, introduced himself to the Executive Committee.

Kent/K5WTS started off the agenda items with a recommendation to capitalize on voice identification systems for the club repeaters. A constructive discussion followed leading to a motion to designate a reserve cash amount of \$3,000.00 in the club books for emergencies and allow for purchases when necessary and prudent.

Walt/N5BYS brought up the option of a remote voice announcement system built from an arduino or raspberry Pi, using an inexpensive handheld radio for transmitting into the repeater. It could be programable to make announcements on a systematic and scheduled capacity. The Executive Committee voted to explore this option first and attempt to make it a club project with members participating in the build.

Dan/W5BM suggested the formation of a Tech Committee (Engineering) to design and build the voice announcement system. That committee would also help Earl/WB5UUW with repeater issues and designs, assist with installation and maintenance of the repeater systems, and provide back up access to repeaters should Earl be out of town or away.

This idea was formulated and put in a motion to be completed by March 17, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting.

Motion carried after more discussion. Planning and organizing will be accomplished through email.

Bruce/K5PX laid out the proposed format of the reimplementing of the "Ham Gram" newsletter, identifying proposed segments to be published.

Wayne/KW5M provided an overview of the discussions between the repeater review committee and progress made.....Walt/N5BYS informed the Executive Committee that where ever the Fusion WiresX interface is installed will need a commercial grade internet feed in order to manage the interface with that system. There will also have to be internet access for both the Echolink and D-Star systems in order for them to work appropriately.

There was a general discussion about designating a permanent BAARC simplex frequency in the event the repeaters go completely down. This frequency could also be used as a standard operating frequency for simplex nets, club communications and other needs. ***This frequency will be 146.560 Simplex***