

Executive Committee Meeting Summary

March 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 **Bruce/K5PX** who was out of town, **Russ Law** who was ill and **Walt/N5BYS** who was predisposed. There was one guest Kevin Wade/KF5SW. 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 website. The date will always be the third Saturday of each month and the location will hopefully settle on the Central Library on Broadway Street in Broken Arrow.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM and the following discussions took place.

Kent/K5WTS started off the agenda items with a recommendation to capitalize on voice identification systems for the club repeaters. Also, looking for more ideas for members as well as the continuation of the Elmer Program. Open to other ideas as well. Spotlight and Herald the club when the public is there.

Discussion: **Green Country Plans**, **Dan/W5BM** have tables reserved. Bruce will bring the remainder of **Larry/K5ZCJ (SK)** equipment. Photo Spread or laptop with a slide show.

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. April meeting do we have a commitment from members for this project. Ray also reported that Bob Holmes had been making some contacts on behalf of the BAARC for purposes of leading to potential antenna sites. The club needs to draft an introduction letter (Wayne) to lay out information about the club.

Guy/WB5MXO asked for a progress report on tower trailer boxes, fusion repeater and other equipment that is to be installed. Final thoughts are at least progress is being made, it all comes down to repeater sites available. The president is working with **Bob Holmes/K5CGS** to develop a contact list and relationship base with business people in our area that may have site space or space that could be developed into repeater sites.

Clint/K5YHF commented on his reading about Fusion and internet connections. Has questions that will need to be discussed with the Tech Committee. More discussion will be made on this. Fusion repeater is on number one priority list, with or without commercial grade internet? Ray recommended gathering fusion equipment and experimenting, maybe at Guys location or Dan's location.

Discussion drifted back to tower sites with/without internet access. **Jeff/RBH** using digital RF Link providing internet access to his fusion repeater. **Jeff/AE5ME** involved with that group.

Kevin/KF5SW discussed plans for upcoming programs, Wayne/KW5M handed him a list of potential programs that may be valuable to the club.

June is Tony/ safety presentation on Field Day Setup.

Working on additional programs for the year. Results from club questionnaire....working on FT 8 program.

Barbara passed on comments.

Earl/WB5UW discussion on the antenna for tower trailer. HyGain that Wayne has really too big, Earl has A4S Cushcraft that he will donate to Tower Trailer. Needs cleaned up and tuned. The final decision is that the A4S 5.5 sq. ft wind load, 8.9db gain. Will be dedicated to the tower trailer. \$175 investment for 40 meter add on kit. Rotateable Dipole.....

Comments were made about the "Ham Gram" newsletter, **Bruce/K5PX** did a masterful job on the first new edition.

Wayne/KW5M provided an overview of the discussions between the repeater review committee and progress made.....(From last month "**Walt/N5BYS** informed the Executive Committee that where ever the Fusion Wires X 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 DStar systems in order for them to work appropriately.") Ray/WB5JJA, re-activated the D-Star Equipment, 443.600 this leaves us looking for an appropriate site for the Fusion Machine.

From February 2018: 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** Also, need to plan way ahead on next years weather seminar, need to look at Tulsa Technology Center.

Guy/WB5MXO He also volunteered to Chair the "Planned" Veterans Day Special Event Station.

Wayne/KW5M will forward him last years planning documents to help out. Look at Downtown

Military Museum. Also needs City of BA parks planner contact information.

Kent/K5WTS made a motion for the club to purchase a 10' x 20' awning to be used at Field Day and other events. the motion was for \$350.00 to purchase the awning. Dan/W5BM second the motion,

Motion Carried. The Awning will be stored permanently on the Tower Trailer in one of the new storage boxes mounted on the trailer.

Wayne/KW5M reported that a work day on the Tower Trailer is being scheduled. Work will include mounting the two electric winches, installing limit switches, and general maintenance making it ready for the upcoming season.

Dan/W5BM discussed the web site and plans to move ahead with this project. Also, he discussed the use of his projector for club presentations, the need for some adapters (usb to vga), the need for the club to consider owning its own projector system. He also commented on the plans for the repeater upgrades.

Also, discussed the site at Rothammer Mountain...442.600 repeater is down.
Mark is out oftown a lot right now.

"Dan will get in touch with Gary/W5ODS" on specific needs for adapters. He will also be in touch with Tom Wolfe, club member and web developer.

Brought up for discussion "Field Day 2018" and our **need to get a strong chair in place** to get

The planning has started. The plan for BAARC and those that wish to participate can do so....100 watts and QRP do not mix as far as sites go. Friendly and Open to those who want to participate. **Meeting Adjourned!**