

JSCARC Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2023

1. Call To Order

Vice President Danielle Plauche KI5LQT called to order the JSCARC regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6:34 pm in the Inspiration Room JSC Gilruth. Note: President Terry Quick KA5TBB initially participated via cellphone because a severe thunderstorm impacted safe entry into the building.

2. Attendees:

KA5TBB (President)- Terry Quick
KI5LQT (Vice President)- Danielle Plauche
K5RG (Treasurer)- Ken Goodman
W5OC (Secretary)- David Lee
KG5PVP Dan Nagala
K5KGH Kelvin Hickman
KG5URA David Kimbrell
N5LOW Terry Moore
K5KUA Joe Gibson
N5FWB Jerry Steward
K5DLF David Fretz
KG5HOK Keith Grimm
KD5DYZ Bob Eaton
K5LLE Leslie Eaton
KG5LJZ Jayant Ramakrishnan

3. Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Ken K5RG

Club Balance \$6855 distributed into 4 accounts

Membership 72 paid members in 2023 (vs 80 last year)

Monthly activity:

Assets:

none

Expenditures:

\$50 for pre-registration for July Tidelands Hamfest

\$? reimbursement to John AB5SS for UPS battery replacement for Sat Station.

\$96 vests procured by Danielle KI5LQT

\$1500 target budget for Jerry N5FWB procurement of mics and headset upgrades.

4. Old Business

Field Day Topic 2: Public Liaison (Meet and Greet)

Action Jayant KG5LJZ:

Extend invitation to the JSC Center Director or Senior Staff to JSCARC Field Day.

Status: Complete. Letter to Center Director was sent.

Action Closed

Field Day Topic 3: GOTA (Get On the Air)

Action Kelvin K5KGH, Dave W5OC:

Solicit operators for GOTA.

Status:

K5KGH: Extended invitation to commissioner for Precinct 12.

W5OC: KG5LJZ is planning to host families from Bastion, and has extended invitations to other professional and local club entities.

Flyers will be distributed to participating STEM/STEAM students during June 23 Space City STEAM camp. Past and current JSC Student Interns have been extended an invitation to participate.

KG5PVP: A youth participant from last year, Isis, has extended an invitation to some of her Girl Scout troop to attend FD.

Action Closed

FD Topic 9: Center/Facility Coordination

Action Terry KA5TBB

- Inform Gilruth management of FD operations and open public attendance at the Gilruth site.
- Request Center Security to keep the back gate open overnight June 24/25
- Reserve use of the Bluebonnet and Live Oak Pavilion (Friday June 23-Sunday June 25)

Status:

Danielle KI5LQT confirmed that JSCARC's request of Bluebonnet and Live Oak from June 23-25 has been processed via Hailey Robertson/AH5. Terry affirmed the need for back gate 24 hour access was also requested.

Action Closed.

Shack Benchtop Safety Issue

Action Terry KA5TBB:

Implement steel welded supports for benches

Status: Effort continues. Work area prep in-work.

Action Open

Shack add ons

Action Jerry N5FWB

Identify items (boom mics, footswitches, headsets) for proposed procurement.

Status:

Jerry reports that he confirmed plans with the treasurer yesterday and plans to place the procurement order for items tomorrow

Action Open

W5RRR Website storage

Action: John AB5SS

Initiate procurement of AWS service and work with Dave W5OC for implementation on W5RRR website.

Status

W5OC will initiate the procurement/implementation of the AWS S3 Bucket and provide status at the next JSCARC meeting.

Action Open

Club Safety Vest Procurement

Action Danielle KI5LQT

Contact vendor for specific quotes on multi sizes and our club's name. Target quantity 5.

Status

Vests have been procured through Amazon including sizes LG and XLG,
Total Cost= \$96.00 total
\$104 left in budget based on the \$200 authorized
Action closed

5. New Business

W5OC suggested getting ARRL ham radio flyers for Field Day handouts.

Action W5OC: Download and print ARRL flyers at local reproduction shop; reimbursement from club. Use at FD.

Action David W5OC

6. Other Topics

Field Day

Kelvin K5KGGH reports that CLARC has authorized a maximum of \$300 for FD food

- Pizza is a strong consideration for Saturday's supper
- Suggestion to use Dan's pizza. Per KI5LQT Danielle, "it's Dan good pizza"... and they have a 3' pizza!
- Drinks ice tea/soft drinks will be provided only based on remaining available funds

Terry N5LOW reports that CW village plans to bring the club's crankup tower with Hexbeam and 2 pulleys to accommodate wire antennas. The antennas will include the Hexbeam for 10-20m and the planned deployment of various wire antennas for 40m, 80m and 160m. Terry is bringing his special homebrew 146' wire antenna. Joe K5KUA has been invited to support the CW village team with his expert operating skill

Kelvin K5KGGH is ready for GOTA ops. He has a script available to guide newbie visitors. He might need an extra table for setup. W5OC will provide a mast and a GOTA wire dipole will be hung from it. All were advised of possible adjacent Radio Frequency Interference because GOTA will be transmitting (under a different call sign KC5KBO) on 20M SSB simo with the W5RRR station 20m SSB operation at the shack.

Terry N5LOW plans to livestream a video feed from the FD site. He requests that anyone with this expertise, let him know because he's having issues with the deployment.

Leslie, K5LLE, offer to help take photos during FD

Terry KA5TBB reminded everyone to have fun and not let logistics overwhelm the event.

Jayant KG5LJZ, announced his efforts to promote FD public involvement by his initiative to invite all the San Jacinto professors, the JSC senior staff, and many businesses.

Texas City Swapfest July 8, 2023

Ken reminds us that the Texas City Swap meet is coming up and the JSCARC will have 2 tables reserved as well as 5 entrance tickets for support volunteers. The use of the tables is open for anyone wishing to donate sales to the club or for their own personal use. Ken shared that his mailed USPS remittance was returned back to sender because the TC club's post box was full, but Ken was able to contact and pay for the reservation through other means.

Donated HT for Student "Give Away"

Ken reminded W5OC that a previously donated brand new HT was earmarked as a "give away" to a deserving Student intern. W5OC will plan to find a means to reward one of the new summer semester JSC student interns while they are here this term.

Special Event Suggestion

Jayant KG5LJZ announced that on Oct 1, the Houston Gandhi Peace bike ride will be held with supporting ham radio operations from the BVARC club. Jayant suggests that W5RRR sponsor a special event radio operating event at the venue.

STEAM Camp Volunteers

David W5OC announces that he and Kelvin K5KGH are supporting the Space City STEAM Camp at the University of Houston main campus during June 19-23. Volunteers are welcome to help support.

Interference during 2m Net

Jerry N5FWB commented that an interference from APRS burst signals was transmitted during this week's JSCARC Tues Information net. The alleged offending station owner has been notified.

Club Trailer License Plate Registration

Keith, KG5HOK, delivered registration paperwork needed to renew the license plates of the club's tower trailer. The papers, provided to Terry N5LOW, will require updating information and submissions to a Texas Inspection Station for renewal. There was a discussion if the processing needed to be done in person at the Harris County facility but after discussion, it's believed that any inspection station can be used.

7. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19PM, by motion from Jerry N5FWB; Terry KA5TBB formally adjourned the meeting.