

JSCARC Monthly Meeting Minutes November 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Terry KA5TBB called to order the JSCARC regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 1834 CST in the Lone Star Room JSC Gilruth.

2. ATTENDEES

KA5TBB (P) Terry Quick
KI5LQT (VP) Danielle Plauche
K5RG (Trea) Ken Goodwin
W5OC (Sec) David Lee
K5KUA Joe Gibson
KG5LJZ Jayant Ramakrishnan
KB5PGY David Fanelli
AB5SS John Maca
KG5HOK Keith Grimm
KG5PVP Dan Nagala
N5FWB Jerry Steward

3. TREASURER'S REPORT (K5RG)

Financial

Total Club Funds \$5,650

Membership

GFY 2024 Paid Membership to date = 47 (2023= 72)

Annual Insurance

Ken queried various member of the club for renewal guidance

It was decided to cover government equipment and/or of high value

Included:

- FTDX101D
- FT-991A
- TS-2000x
- 2x Flex 6400M
- 2x KPA1500
- BEKO HLV1000

This year's planned coverage will be \$410.90 versus last year's \$468.58 premium, due to the eliminated coverage of less risk items.

4. OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS

Shack Benchtop Safety Issue

Action Terry KA5TBB:

Implement steel welded supports for benches.

Status: Metal cleaning/cutting/buffering preparation to begin this weekend!

Will coordinate activity and identify schedule, so that Student Interns can attend.

PAST EVENTS

Nov 1 Safety and Health Day

Supported by KB5PGY, N5FWB, AB4ME, KG5URA and Student Interns: Dominic KJ5DAF, Raul KJ5DBT, Sara

Great turn out and effective booth setup

Lessons Learned: Need more coordination prior to setup, provide courtesy giveaways, brochures and continued support by Interns. Resurrect Keith KG5HOK's spin-the-wheel game?

Oct 21 POTA @ Galveston

Good turnout. Writeup on Website Blog

Oct 28 POTA @ San Jacinto

Ken K5RG and George AD5CQ activated.

Oct 28 Baofeng HT and CHIRP radio orientation

Jeff AB4ME and Kelvin K5KGH hosted radio-101 for student interns @ shack

5. NEW BUSINESS

FUTURE EVENTS

Nov 11 SETAC (South East Texas Amateur Club)

POTA and Fox hunt @ San Jac

Week of Nov 13 (TBD) JSCARC Soldering 101

For JSC Student Interns

HOT safety permit required

Nov 16 JSCARC hosts visit by UHCL Radio Club

1800 CST

Nov 18 JSCARC Special Licensing Exam

For additional Student Interns

Will be held in shack prior to ARRL SS activation

Nov 18-19 ARRL SS (SweepStakes)

W9TWJ/AB5SS to participate

Nov 25 JSCARC POTA @ Sheldon Lake

Inquiry to operate from upper level observation tower in-work

Dec 5 JSCARC Annual Xmas Holiday Supper

Main 101 restaurant

1800 CST start

Dec 7 JSC Jingle Mingle

Volunteers needed for 1630-1930 CST parking support

Bldgs 20-21

Dec NOTA Apollo 8

Will activate W5RRR for NOTA's commemoration of Apollo 8 throughout Dec

Will plan to activate a tube radio circa 1968 of Apollo 8 vintage era

January 14, 2024 Houston Marathon

Seeking ham radio volunteers

Feb 22-24, 2024 40th Anniversary Conference ARISS

"Celebrating the Positive Impact of Amateur Radio on Human Spaceflight"

At Florida Center of Space Education

March 1-2, 2024 Greather Houston Hamfest

Rosenberg, TX

PROPOSALS

JSCARC Club Booklets for Public Events

Request by KI5LQT

KI5LQT provided samples of small and bigger draft versions

Action: W5OC to solicit Interns support to help KI5LQT build out production

Replace aging TS-2000x for Satellite Station

Request by AB5SS and N5FWB

Approved to procure IC-9700 and CSM interface module

Reduce JSCARC membership fee for Student Interns

Request by W5OC and AB5SS

Approved to waive membership fees throughout Internship program.

For licensed Interns only.

Maintain Club Sponsorships

Request by W5OC

Maintain visibility with key benefactors (Avionic Systems Division) and ARISS

Action: Terry KA5RBB to summarize value to EV (meeting with EV7 BC)

Action: Consider options for AB4ME onsite access for after hours for ARISS ops

MISCELLANEOUS

KB5PGY: Successfully tried out FT8call (Digital interactive QSO comm)
KA5TBB: Echolink Audio issue is definitely fixable
KG5LQT: BVARC seeks JSCARC involvement; invites us to their POTAs
Plans to invite them to shack
N5FWB: Reports HF DX is active on the bands (SSB/FT8)
W5OC: Club has licensed 5 interns; 5-6 potential additional upcoming
Doppler ARDF kits soon to be available for club and intern

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 CST, by Terry KA5TBB