

Kendall Amateur Radio Society
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 5, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by president Ben Koerner.

Mission Statement read.

Visitor introductions: Garth Nash K5COI, Michael Valiente no call (TX Dept of Emergency Mgt)

Member introductions.

President announced moving administrative functions to end of meeting to keep ham radio as focus.

Presentations: Marsh WA5UBO reviewed the Tower Rd repeater issues and progress on repairs.

Bad coax connection on repeater. High SWR on Ringo Ranger antenna. Moved repeater to a dual band antenna higher up with much better SWR. .64 repeater now working.

Still working with two companies for bids on Tower Rd site repairs.

County clearing area for installing fencing to provide better security for the site.

Jesse Jarrell W1BBT reviewed his updating of the KB5TX web site.

Set up Facebook page.

Complete updated layout of home page.

Almost everything on old site on new site.

Email for officers with links that prevent exposure of personal email address.

Membership list w/link to QRZ.

Other updates are work in progress.

Suggestion made to create a recognition of Al's contribution of years as web master.

President suggested making permanent change to order of business by moving administrative business to after presentations. President asked for raise of hands on approving taking steps to make the change.

Board will take steps to amend By Laws to legally make this change.

Old Business: Rick Tilburg N5RCT on status of eclipse operations.

Marsh & Rick met with City, County & State representatives. Got general ideal of city/county eclipse plan. Appears no firm plan two weeks before eclipse. Looks like they will see how October goes and use that info to plan for the April 2024 eclipse. Our team attended to help them understand how KARS could help. Over two weeks there was no response from either county or city. Yesterday (10-4) met with Chief Perez BPD. He has areas where we can be helpful. Someone in OEC, Rod Run on Main St. & Hospital ER. Rick to send info on groups.io this Friday. Expectations: shadow officers in the field and provide comms if cell service goes down. Credentials for volunteers will be provide by City.

Administrative Business:

Minutes Read for September regular meeting. (short version) Motion to approve as corrected (name corrected from Pete to Michael) by Dave N7RF seconded by Marsh WA5UBO.

Secretary asked Michael for any suggestions that might help us be successful. Michael says we are on right track with city/county officials. If not a volunteer, stay at home, listen to net control to know what's going on.

Secretary advised Roland K5TY had submitted KARS to USAA for addition to their list of charities to receive donations. Secretary has filled application to register with Benevity, the company that manages the donation process. Our application has been approved.

Financial Report: Fred Wolf KI5VRF

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Financial Summary
September 2023

	<u>Sept 23</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Income	1,342.15
Expenses	59.99
Repeater Equipment Purchased	-2,274.08
Sale of Assets Donated	<u>0.00</u>
Net Cash incr/(Decr) for Period	-991.92
Cash at beginning of period (Aug 31, 23)	<u>6,950.13</u>
Cash at end of period (Sep 30, 23)	<u><u>5,958.21</u></u>

Question from the floor about the GVTC money. Secretary explained there was an account set up by a member, now a SK, years ago for internet service. We received an unexpected check a year ago we had know knowledge of. Checking we found it was a dividend check for that account and we could cash it. Recently we received two checks from GVTC. One for last years dividend and a second because the account is now closed. We will no longer receive dividend checks from GVTC.

Motion made to accept financial report as read by Marsh WA5UBO seconded by Rick Tilburg N5RCT. Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn by George W5GRG seconded by Dave N7RF. Motion carries
Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Signed: Jim Nelson W6TIR, Secretary