

Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest (ARKAN) Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 28, 2005

John Robinson, KD5NFX, opened the meeting at 1904.

Program

Bill Smith, K1ARK present a program about weather and the weather watch system. Bill needs to know where hams live so he will know what area in Washington County can be covered. Be sure to put your name on his map so we can give the county the coverage needed during bad weather.

Business Meeting

Old Business

1. There is a check list now available to sign in to club meetings. Rather than writing down all of your information all you need to do is make a check mark by your name. A real time saver.

2. Huston, KA5PIM, moved to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter. John, KD5CRU, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Don, K5DB moved to accept the treasurers report as noted in the newsletter. Craig, AB5OK, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. The tower has been sold. Transfer has not been completed, but should be soon.

5. John covered the highlights of the Board Meeting. Among the highlights was a call for articles for the newsletter and for special interest articles (digital, APRS, etc) in particular. This will be a new column for the news letter.

A storage cabinet for club equipment would be built. This would give us a central and secure place to keep the equipment. John has volunteered to build this cabinet.

6. Still looking for a club PIO. Anyone who is interested contact John.

7. Also still looking for a Chairperson for the JOTA. Anyone interested see John.

New Business

1. Arkansas will celebrate 170 years of statehood in 2006. Can we become the official station for this event? We need to start moving on this now if we want to do this. Don, K5DB, volunteered to start the ball rolling and will continue to work on this project.

2. John announced we are looking for a new meeting place. It would be more toward the north. Two places were mentioned, but nothing is locked in. Does anyone have an idea of where we could meet? Affiliation with the museum would not be severed, the station and second Saturday meetings would still be held at the museum. A trial period would be in effect to see if a more central meeting place increased attendance. Increased attendance is the goal of a different meeting place.

3. Ted, AD5ON won the door prize.

There being no new business Craig, AB5OK, moved to adjourn. Patrick, KE5DLV, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2042.

Bennie B. Jamerson
KD5OHP