

Meeting notes for April 10, 2021

Devil's Tower Amateur Radio Club

The April 10, 2021 meeting of the Devil's Tower Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President, Dwayne Allen at 2:00 pm at the Sunny Divide Community Center. Dwayne then called for all present to introduce themselves.

Those present were the Interim President, Dwayne Allen; Interim Vice President, Wade Dennis; Interim Treasurer, Jerry Boone; and Interim Secretary, Pat Boone along with 14 members.

Jerry Boone was asked to give the Treasurer's Report and he updated the members on the following: (1) The club now has a mailing address at PO Box 712, Sundance, WY 82729; (2) The application to establish DTARC as a not-for-profit corporation has been submitted to the Wyoming Secretary of State and is pending approval; (3) A bank account will be opened at Sundance State Bank after the State approves our Corporation (4) Application for 501C3 nonprofit status will then be made to the IRS. The IRS application fee will be \$275.

A discussion then followed regarding bank fees and Dwayne Allen made the point that a \$500 balance must be maintained to avoid a \$5 per month fee. He also raised the idea of allowing a petty cash account to be held by the treasurer. After some discussion on the amount, a motion was made by Ken Bollinger and seconded by Al Wessel to allow the treasurer to maintain a \$100 petty cash fund.

Betty Breen raised the idea of doing fundraisers for the club, but those types of activities will be postponed until we can obtain 501c3 status.

New Business:

A brief discussion was held regarding plans to set up a club repeater.

A discussion was held about repairs needed for the Sunny Divide building. Chris Pennington offered to repair the windows. Dwayne Allen also talked about having Play Days to do other repairs on the building.

Dwayne Allen spoke about the upcoming plans for Field Day which is held the last full weekend in June. We will be operating as a 2A station and will also have a 6-meter station and a GOTA (Get on the air) station. A question was raised about the operating privileges for the club stations and Dwayne Allen responded that our club callsign will allow for extra class privileges as long as an extra class operator was on site. Per FCC rules, privileges are allowed for the highest license class as control operator.

Dwayne Allen then led a general discussion on Field Day and the conversations covered the following topics:

Begin setup around noon that Thursday.

Katie Allen will do the PR for the event.

Pat Boone will coordinate the planning of food for the weekend.

Dwayne Allen will bring 3 different radios.

A generator will be brought in to provide power.

A Porta-Potty will be brought in for the weekend.

Dwayne mentioned the possibility of having the County communications trailer on site for the weekend and using the onboard projector for a movie night on Friday.

Jerry Boone will operate the GOTA station.

Local officials and others will be invited to visit during the weekend.

A training class may be held beforehand for the Field Day software

In other business,

A request was made for anyone with artistic abilities to design a logo for the club.

We discussed the possibility of future Zoom classes, on-air practice CW

training and classes on Winlink and Echolink. Classes for General class license upgrades will be held in the future and Dwayne Allen noted he could obtain discounted copies of study guides. He also told the meeting that he asked Jerry Boone to reach out to the Laurel VEC so that we could provide Laurel testing sessions. The advantage of VE testing sessions through Laurel is that they are held at no cost to the person testing and callsigns are issued very quickly.

Dwayne mentioned that almost all members have now signed up for the Club's groups.io mailing list and it is kept up-to-date.

It was discussed that the terms for the interim officers will end in June. New elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held at the annual June meeting. These will be two-year terms.

The next monthly meeting will be held at 2PM on Saturday, May 15 at Sunny Divide.

Katie Allen made a motion to end the meeting seconded by Jeff Mickle.

Pat Boone, Secretary