

TCHC MEETING MINUTES-JANUARY 3, 2017

Club president Frank Adams, KK5CF, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 13 present at the meeting.

Ruth Ragsdale, WM5LA, gave an updated treasurer report.

ARES Regional Director Duffy Frantom, KD5IGZ, reported next meeting will be on January 21, 2017.

Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, reported on H.R. 1031. The U.S. House passed the Amateur Radio Parity Act (H.R. 1031) dealing with HOAs and antennas. When it got to the Senate, Senator Bill Nelson, Florida, kept it from moving forward to vote. ARRL will decide how to proceed at their January meeting. Also, the next NAQP contest will be on January 14.

Scott Dickson, W5WZ, brought several contesting certificates. Also, stated the Boy Scout Jamboree will be at Camp TL James on January 20-22, 2017.

License testing was conducted by R.C. Conley, KC5WA, Wallace Olinde, AD5XM, and Carlo Ingram, KB5YEG. One candidate was tested for his general licenses.

Old Business:

Ruston Boys Scout troupe, basically any further meetings with them is upon their request.

Winter Ham Fest, January 29, 2017, possibly RC Conley, KC5WA and Shawn Smith, WA5VQB will be participating in this event.

Upcoming Hamfests:

Hammond, LA, January 21, 2017

Jackson, MS, January 27 and 28, 2017

Rayne, LA, March 10 and 11, 2017

There was much discussion about our own Hamfest and the drop in membership. Follow ups from the discussion are:

Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, will talk to Bill at Barak about the possibility of reducing the building rent. He will also send out an email to hams in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi about their interest in continuing to have a hamfest in Monroe.

Duffy, KD5IGZ, will be in contact with Scott Ren to see if other hamfests in the area are continuing to have good attendance

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM by President Frank Adams, KK5CF.