

NELARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2019

Ouachita Valley Public Library on McMillan

ATTENDING:

Jim Ragsdale W5LA, President

Mark Ketchell K5ER, Vice President

Ruth Ragsdale WM5LA, Secretary/Treasurer

Frank Adams KK5CF, Past President

Mark Baxley K5MSB, Director

Scott Dickson W5WZ, Director

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

Ruth Ragsdale gave a current financial report and a year-over-year report for 2016 – 2018.

Jim Ragsdale reported about the "Elmer Net" at 8:00 PM on Sundays on the 85 repeater.

Jim Ragsdale gave an update on testing with VEC W5GAD, Jefferson Parish Amateur Radio Club.

The changes to Paragraph 2 of the Articles of Organization should have said "up to two" advisors and the correction will be voted on at the next membership meeting. Scott Dickson proposed that the review of prospects for advisors be tabled for now, seconded by Mark Ketchell. All were in favor.

There was a discussion about NELARC's involvement with the Louisiana QSO Party. No decision made.

The West Monroe Convention Center has been booked for April 27, 2019, for our annual hamfest. Current vendors coming: Palmetto, The Sign Man, & MCM Computers. Testing will be done by R.C. WW5RC/W5YI. Scott Dickson is in charge of the special event W5L station. Prizes will be Icom IC-7300, Rig Expert AA-35 Zoom Antenna Analyzer and Kenwood TH-K20 2M handheld transceiver. Mark Ketchell is in charge of forums for hamfest. Possible forums are ARRL, LCC, STEM, and Entergy Arcs & Sparks. There was also some discussion about a limited raffle or silent auction. Hamfest handouts were made for the Rayne Hamfest. Scott Dickson is in charge of Radio/TV Hamfest promotion.

The W5L special event has been submitted to ARRL for publication in QST and the QRZ.com page has been updated.

There was a discussion about NELARC being a resource for members to use to send their cards to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau. No decision was made.

March meeting will be @ Piccadilly in Monroe.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Jim Ragsdale, President