

## NELARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 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.

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.

Jim Ragsdale gave an update on the WMHS amateur radio club

- Callsign is KI5DXG
- Vanity call application submitted
- Need station location at school
- Need to teach General Class before June 30

The West Monroe Convention Center has been booked for April 27, 2019, for our annual hamfest. Herman Campbell was sent information about our hamfest. Ticket pricing will be the same as last year. We will still offer credit card payment and tickets are also available for online purchase. We still have 26 unsold tables. Current vendors coming: Palmetto, The Sign Man, & MCM Computers. Testing will be done by R.C. WW5RC/W5YI. So far only one person registered for testing. 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. We will not be doing a limited raffle or silent auction. Mark Ketchell is in charge of forums for hamfest. Scott Dickson is in charge of Radio/TV Hamfest promotion.

The W5L special event is in the April QST. There has been a slow sign up for operators.

There was a discussion about NELARC being a resource for members to use to send their cards to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau. There has been no interest in doing this.

We are pursuing an alternate meeting place due to conflict on scheduling with the library.

Frank Adams said Mary Tiller wants to sell their radio inventory. Jim Ragsdale will go and take inventory.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Jim Ragsdale, President