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Meeting Notice

HOTARC will hold its monthly *Meeting of Members* at 7:00 PM on Thursday July 25, 2024 **in person at 921 Lake Air Dr.** and via the Video Conferencing. Please check your email or the Members Only section of the website for login information.

Field Day 2024













HOTARC Meeting of Members June 27, 2024

President Aaron Gustafson KI5PCQ called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in person and in the ZOOM Meeting Room. Bill Feltenberger KD5UEW gave the invocation.

President Aaron Gustafson KI5PCQ led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurers Report for May 2024 as published in the HOTLINE was filed.

Jeb Leutwyler KG5WHS moved that we increase the amount of investment \$700. Dwan Needham KE5JWY seconded. Motion carried.

Trailer Committee: New beam, new electrical work, new networking setup, and new wench. Antenna rotator still has issues.

Repeater Committee: 12th St Visit June 28; Steve's analyzer is dead so no changes in the near future; and Winlink in Bruceville keeps frying RIM lite – needs investigating before back online. New repeater going up at the old Renschler building on S Valley Mills.

Unfinished Business: Any T-shirts still remaining are at CNS

New Business: Drew Dickenson KE5UBO has a new Winlink station online. Discussed a receipt printer for RACES gokit: tabled. Discussed interest on solar power for trailer: Yes, will investigate further. Kevin Mullens K5KTM resigned his membership effective immediately; replacement for his remaining 2 ½ years Director term is needed.

Meeting Adjourned 7:19PM

After the meeting: Nancy Goodnight discussing WWW100 for Sept 8, 2024.

Submitted by Mike Davis NA5X

The Treasurer's Report

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Heart o' Texas Amateur Radio Club Treasurers Report: 6/31/2024					
Trease	arers Report. O	31/2024			
Starting Balance June 1, 20)24			\$	11,614.15
Income					
Received Dues	\$;	30.00		
Total received				\$	30.00
Total Income				\$	30.00
Expenses					
Worm Winch for trailer Anter	nna \$;	54.38		
Edward Jones investment	\$;	617.13		
Total Expenses				\$	671.51
Ending Balance 6/31/202	4			\$	10,972.64
CD				\$	7,000.00
Interest from CD 1 year				\$	382.87
Added investment in Edward	Jones			\$	617.13
Ending Balance 6/31/202	4			\$	8,000.00
Mike Ross New Ham Radio Fu	und \$;	180.94		
Flower Fund Total 6/31/2024	4 \$	<u> </u>	287.47		
Submitted by					
Bill Feltenberger					
KD5UEW					

McLennan County A.R.E.S.



Lessons learned from Hurricane Beryl

A lot has changed since my last writing. Hurricane Beryl has broken many records. It was the first Category 4 storm ever in June. Beryl was also the earliest recorded Category 5. Even though it was only a Cat 1 when it made landfall, Beryl has caused an estimated \$32 Billion in damages. More than 4 million homes were without power for days and weeks in Texas alone.

People were not prepared for loss of services. Most people did not have backup power or enough food or water. People have become dependent on service providers quickly restoring service. When that isn't possible, society breaks down quickly. Cell communication was disrupted and 911 became inoperative in areas.

Beryl originally plotted to hit Brownsville. If it had, we likely would have been severely impacted. There are still many in Texas without power weeks later. Of course ARES and RACES were activated to monitor and assist. This is the reason we train as we do.

We are currently in a lull but watch out for the rest of the season. It may be one for the record books!

As always the ARES team is ready to deploy if needed. Thanks to everyone who is part of the team!

If you are interested in becoming a member of McLennan County ARES, go to the HOTARC Web site under the frequently asked questions and download the application.



Baker's Dozen counties

E-mail or mail the completed application according to the instructions listed at the bottom of the application. Your application will be processed and you will receive an ARES ID Card As always, the ARES team is ready to deploy if needed. Thanks to everyone who is part of the team!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

73,Paul KG5DHS The HOTLINE is the monthly newsletter of the Heart O' Texas Amateur Radio Club (HOTARC), Inc., a nonprofit corporation, chartered by the State of Texas and principally located in Waco. It is permissible to use any of the original material contained herein provided proper credit is given to the source. Edited and Published by Mike Davis NA5X, mike@na5x.com

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146.98 MHz (input at -600 kHz, D-Star)

442.875 MHz (input at +5.0 MHz, tone 123 Hz)

VE Testing

Contact HOTARC at hamradio@hotarc.org if you would like information on our next testing session.