



Majors Field Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER 8TH , 2020

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Officers

- **PRESIDENT**
David Rogers –KG5KPU
- **VICE-PRESIDENT**
Jonathan Brown –WB5KSD
- **SECRETARY**
Scott Davis – K5PS
- **TREASURER**
John C. Nelson Jr. – W7JOY
- **TRUSTEE**
Jonathan Brown – WB5KSD



Agenda

- Officer Reports
- Announcements
- New/Old Business
- Adjournment



Officer Reports

- **SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Scott Davis
 - **MEETING MINUTES** – as published in the AirWaves newsletter.
-- Questions / Comments / Corrections?
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** – John Nelson Jr. – W7JOY
- **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**- Jonathan Brown –WB5KSD
- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – David Rogers –KG5KPU
See “New Business”



Select Committee Reports

- **REPEATER COMMITTEE** – Jonathan B., Michael, Hommy, Mike
 - 2m AllStar project (Michael, Mike, Jonathan, and Hommy)
 - \$300 approved at last meeting for parts



New Business

- Temp Sensor Update (see “Planning”)
- Motion to allocate up to \$175 for purchase of Accurite Temp sensor
- Status of eClub and future of MFARC:
 - Separate from eClub; MFARC to be independent of L3
 - Contact MSTF to determine access to current repeater location
 - Increase dues from \$10, to \$35 yearly
 - Liability and Equipment insurance –aprox \$300 yearly
 - Apply for tax exempt status, or operate as taxable entity
 - Events would be fund-as-we-go
 - See following slides for details re: eClub and impact on MFARC



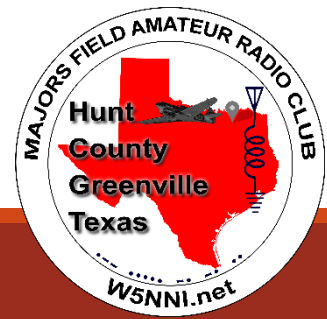
Current Status of eClub

In 2019 we had 3200+ mbrs with an annual budget of approx. \$60K. Today in 2020, we have 720 active mbrs and our budget is closer to \$15K.

Due to payroll deduction of dues in the past, it was easy to estimate a budget because dues rolled over year to year and we received on average \$5K/month. Plus, the “company’s donation” to E-Club was \$1000/month from Aramark out of vending profits. However, this year everyone had to renew their dues voluntarily and Aramark suspended monthly payments in Aug. until further notice.

Due to the reduction in funds we waived our liability insurance for the year (\$12K), stopped paying our E-Trader coordinator \$400/month for assimilating and printing the weekly E-Trader (he volunteered for free but we cut back to printing every other week), and suspended reimbursement of expenses for our Activity Clubs (i.e., 14 clubs – Gun Club, Bass Club, E-Stitchers, Tabletop/Network Gaming Club, MFARC, etc.) which averaged \$12K/yr. We also put a halt on all special events we would sponsor. The only event we will hold is our annual E-Club Children’s Christmas party which’d averaged 1200 children but this year will be around 400. We normally spent \$25K for this event and gave out free gifts to children ages 0 – 11. But this year we will only spend \$10K.

By the end of 2020, we may end with \$10K in our account to start 2021.



Projected Status of eClub

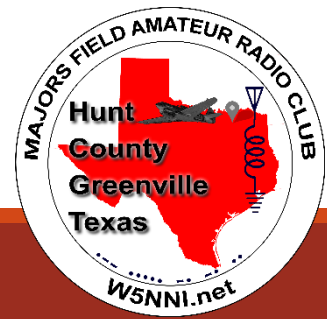
Due to minimal funds, we will not be able to renew liability insurance for E-Club as a whole. Each activity club that requires liability insurance for events they host off site (e.g., the Gun Club shooting events, Bass Club fishing tournaments, etc.) will have to acquire their own insurance for their club in which E-Club can reimburse a portion of the cost. Activity clubs are made up of employee members and non-employees (i.e., family mbrs (dependents), friends and the general public).

Unless our current membership renews their membership within the first month of 2021 and/or our membership increases significantly, E-Club may not be operable by the end of 2021 and cease to function.

We know L3Harris payroll will not implement payroll deduction again and we noticed that “E-News” that included our weekly E-Trader is being replaced by NEXUS News which is more segment related info and the E-Trader will not be included. Our advertising and “getting the word out” about E-Club, special events, etc., will be nil to none.

The company has maintained E-Club as an autonomous organization in which we are incorporated as a separate tax-exempt 501(c)4 organization. They provide the E-Club room at the Rec Hall as our meeting room and allowed E-Club to pay for and maintain their own storage bldg. on-site adjacent to bldg 210.

My feeling is E-Club will phase out end of 2021



Impact on MFARC

The eClub board has been informed by our legal department that “the eClub does not fit into the L3harris business model.”

eClub has not renewed its umbrella liability insurance due to funding issues (*each individual club will be responsible for securing their own liability insurance*)

Clubs that choose to operate post-eClub may do so *outside of the gates of the facility*

Once the eClub folds, the individual clubs will lose the umbrella tax exempt ID currently administered by the eClub

- Each club would have to apply to the IRS for its own tax exempt status or,
- Operate as a taxable entity, requiring tax returns be filed yearly

The eNews letter that allowed for local events to be advertised on the plant has been replaced with a Segment-wide news letter that focuses on business issues on a corporate level.

- The eClub will no longer be able to promote events that are specific to the Greenville, and
- MFARC will no longer be able to solicit new members, advertise FCC classes, or otherwise promote our club



Planning and Events

- <https://www.acurite.com/shop-all/home-devices/shop-all-home/2-sensor-indoor-and-1-sensor-outdoor-temperature-humidity-smart-home-environment-system-with-my-acurite.html?ref=name>
- Temp Sensor for MSTF
 - A COTS product made by Accurite is available for \$149, plus tax
 - Can be connected to internet, via WiFi
 - Will provide alerts if temps go outside of parameters
 - Can be viewed by anyone with the app



Wrap-Up

- Go Backs?
- Do Overs?
- Second Guesses?
- I Wish I Had Said...
- I Just Remembered...

- Remember to add your name to the sign in sheet!



