





On Tuesday, 19 November 2024 at 1900 hours local, Mark, WA5MA, called to order the meeting of the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club in Room-3140 of Keplinger Hall at the University of Tulsa. See a copy of the agenda below left.

Tulsa Amateur Radio Club - Meeting Agenda
 November 19th 2024 7:00 PM / Tulsa University Keplinger Hall Room 3140

TARC Club Officers
 President - Mark WA5MA
 1st Vice President - Jack WSJHC
 2nd Vice President Ky KY5VAR
 Secretary - Andrew W5AWS
 Treasurer - Jerry KE5PMK
 Public Service Liaison - Bart N5TWB
 Repeater Trustee - Gregg W5GGW
 Newsletter - Richie W5OKL
 ARES Emergency Coordinator Tulsa County - Paul W5SANK

Business
 Approve October meeting minutes - Mark WA5MA
 Approve October financials - Mark WA5MA
 Update on GoFundMe account - \$3,300
 Update on NCO Training - Mark, Paul, Ian
 Update on Superlink Repeater System maintenance and other repeaters - Paul W5SANK
 Update on Constitution and Bylaws changes - Steve KF5VCQ
 TARC Officer elections - Steve KF5VCQ
 Repeater Challenge - Have you heard more activity on the repeaters? Have YOU been on the repeater?
 Tulsa Amateur Radio Club's 100 Year Anniversary - December 10th TI Amo's Restaurant 6 - 9 PM
 Planning Committee: Steve KF5VCQ, Robert K5WDD, Ray K5CFY, Remell KA6DQY.
 TARC apparel, etc. - Robert K5WDD

Presentation
 Mark Roberts KD5SMF, Ky KY5VAR Delta loop antenna and other RF stuff

If severe weather is forecast for Northeast Oklahoma...
 If severe weather is in the forecast, please monitor the WXSTUI Skywarn Net on the Superlink System.
 Go to WSIAS.com for Superlink frequencies in your area. Check-in and give a report.
NEW - Wednesdays - National Weather Service radio test on the Superlink System.

Upcoming meetings and events...
 TARC Tech Night December 3rd - Cancelled (Happy Holidays)
 TARC Monthly Meeting, December 17th - Cancelled (Happy Holidays)

Adjourn - Be safe, Be a good friend, Get on the air!
 Mark WA5MA
 President - Tulsa Amateur Radio Club

20241119—Tulsa Amateur Radio Club Meeting Attendance Register			
Name	Call-sign	Name	Call-sign
1. ANDREW	W5AWS	34. BRENT	N6LGL
2. MARK	WA5MA	35. VICKY	N5NQT
3. JERRY	KE5PMK	36. LANDY	KF5ZKR
4. STEVE	KF5VCQ	37. SETH	AC5H
5. IAN	KC5THI	38. LINDA	K15VYF
6. JAMES	K15DAZ	39. GJ	W0CJ
7. BART	N5TWB	40. DAVE	W5PPA
8. DUG	KJ5DBP	41. TONY	K4STRO
9. KENNY	KC5HJE	42.	
10. ED	W1PN	43.	
11. REMELL	KA6DQY	44.	
12. RAY	K5CFY	45.	
13. ROBBY	W5RML	46.	
14. BRIAN	KJ5GJ	47.	
15. PAUL	W5SANK	48.	
16. DARYL	N5NTY	49.	
17. RICH	W4SZG	50.	
18. DAN	K5CAY	51.	
19. DAVID	K5TZS	52.	
20. JESSE	KJ5DZY	53.	
21. LOGAN	KJ5EDE	54.	
22. GREG	A1SHV	55.	
23. MARK	KJ5SMP	56.	
24. ROY	W4CF	57.	
25. KY	KY5VAR	58.	
26. SAH	KC5BXG	59.	
27. GRANT	KC1KCE	60.	
28. JAY	KJ5BLZ	61.	
29. SUE	K5PDB	62.	
30. JEFF	AE5ME	63.	
31. RICHIE	W5OKL	64.	
32. JERRY	AD5JM	65.	
33. CURTIS	K5CFQ	66.	

1 Attendance

Forty-one hams added their names to the attendance register, a copy of which is reproduced above right.

2 Introductions

WA5MA introduced the club officers present: 2nd Vice President Ky, KY5VAR; Secretary Andrew, W5AWS; Treasurer Jerry, KE5PMK; Public Service Liaison, Bart, N5TWB; Newsletter editor Richie, W5OKL; ARES coordinator for Tulsa County, Paul, W5SANK.

3 Business

WA5MA asked for round-robin introductions from the attendees.

3.1 Newsletter

WA5MA asked whether anyone present hadn't received the newsletter. Nothing heard.

3.2 Minutes

WA5MA asked for any questions or comments about the minutes of the October meeting as published in the newsletter. Nothing heard. WA5MA asked for a motion



to approve the minutes as written; Ed, W1PN so moved; Jay, KJ5BLZ seconded; there being no objections from the floor, the motion carried by acclamation.

3.3 Financials

WA5MA asked whether there were any questions about the financial reports as published in the newsletter. Nothing heard.

WA5MA asked the Treasurer, KE5PMK, for any comment on the financial status.

Jerry, KE5PMK, said that the club had received a \$3,000 donation in support of the repairs and maintenance to the Superlink Repeater system.

WA5MA asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Ed, W1PN, moved to approve the financial reports; Greg, AI5HV, seconded; and the members present passed the motion by acclamation.

3.4 NCO Training

WA5MA asked Paul, WB5ANX, to report on the Net Control Operator training held Saturday a week ago.

WB5ANX said that he conducted the last NCO training seven years ago. The training event this month was successful during which he covered the why and wherefore of net control; and Ian, KC9THI, conducted a simulated net, complete with various forms of interference, thus giving the novice NCOs a sense of the random nature of a net that requires the operator to be mentally agile to control the flow of traffic and maintain enough order to allow the passage of traffic.

WB5ANX encouraged the participants to get practice on-air with any of the local nets. A good place to start is the informal weekly club net on Tuesday evenings.

WB5ANX yielded the floor to WA5MA

3.5 Repeater Status Report

WA5MA again called upon WB5ANX, but this time to report the status of the repeater system.

WB5ANX said that the Ponca City repeater is operational again; the Nowata receiver is operational; Decatur seems to have a problem with water in the feed-line that is causing intermittent operation; the Fayetteville repeater custodians have permanently disconnected it from the Superlink system, though it may rejoin in the future; the Stillwater repeater has no emergency power, which will affect the links with Guthrie and Edmond that it serves during a power outage; degraded operation of the local 145.110 repeater requires investigative maintenance.

WB5ANX yielded the floor to WA5MA.



3.6 Special Service Club

WA5MA reported obtaining Special Service Club status from the Amateur Radio Relay League, which means that the ARRL recognizes our club for our high level of community service.

3.7 Club Bylaws

WA5MA asked Steve, KF5VCQ, chairman of the club bylaws review committee, to report status of the bylaws review.

KF5VCQ read a prepared statement entitled “Report of the voting for the adoption of amendments to the Bylaws by the Bylaws Committee”, the text of which follows here:-

On or about October 28 an email was sent to all members of the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club requesting a vote to adopt the proposed new bylaws as drafted by the Committee containing numerous amendments and revisions to the current bylaws.

The email further requested that any comments concerning the proposed draft be submitted by November 11, with responses to be made by November 16, after which a vote of yes or no from each member to be received by November 18.

There were 23 votes cast, 22-yes, 1-no: As of October 28 there were 207 members. A 2/3 majority of the vote would be 138. The email requesting a vote indicated that a choice to not reply would assume approval and would be counted as a “yes.” This would have meant that with such assumed yes votes that would be 183 yes votes and 1 no vote, clearly exceeding the 2/3rds provision.

However, after receiving a comment that this provision of assuming a “yes” vote “just does not seem right,” that provision has been reconsidered. Although we can sight several similar actions taken by other organizations, it would seem to be more appropriate to consider those members choosing not to vote, for whatever reason, to be abstentions and will not count in tallying the vote. Therefore, of the 23 votes cast with 22 yes votes, this also would constitute a 2/3 majority.

We received six comments, some with multiple questions and suggestions. Most of these fall into categories of “typos, syntax or clarifications” not substantial enough to change the intent that they cannot be made before publication of the new bylaws without another vote; or “suggestions” that after discussion with the person having the suggestion satisfied that rather than complicate the bylaws, additional procedures or provisions and be made otherwise by Presidential appointments or at the direction of other committees.

Examples include correcting a “state of Officers” to “slate of Officers.” and adding “provide” in the Treasurers duties description to read “... receive and “provide” receipts for moneys paid to the Club.” Also, a suggestion to add to the Bylaws a description for new categories for Youth and Lifetime memberships — can otherwise be accomplished by the Executive Committee when recommending membership and dues structure as they are charged to do.

Also two comments were registered asking if we had sought the advice of an attorney concerning these changes to the bylaws? No, we cannot recommend



spending the time or money that would require. We are confident that there are no changes that would jeopardize our status as a 501c(3) corporation or are not in general consistent with Robert's Rules of Order.

KF5VCQ paused for any discussion from the floor. Nothing heard. Continuing:-

Since this is just a report on the vote — no further action is required at this time and the new Bylaws as amended will be published and accessible on the TARC website.

Simply put, an abstention refers to the decision by a member to not vote.

According to Robert's Rules of Order, abstention votes don't count as a "yea" or "nay". As a rule, abstentions don't count and do not affect the outcome of the vote.

In our case we are considering a non-reply to be a "passive" abstention. Our best effort was made to contact all members to request their vote, but we cannot make a member vote.

Therefore, our interpretation is that a vote to amend the bylaws requires a 2/3rds majority of the votes actually cast.

KF5VCQ thanked the committee members for their efforts and yielded the floor to WA5MA

3.8 Election of Club Officers

WA5MA said that now we have adopted the new bylaws, we can proceed with the election of club officers for the year 2025.

WA5MA asked the club parliamentarian, KF5VCQ, to begin the election.

KF5VCQ said that given that the current office holders have all indicated that they are willing to serve in the same capacity for the coming year(s), including the current President who can now, under the new bylaws, serve consecutively as an elected official, and as we have not received any other nominations or interest from members about filling an officer position:

QUESTION: At this time do we have a motion to nominate anyone else for any of the Officer positions of the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club?

Nothing heard.

GIVEN that there are no other nominations:

THEREFORE, a motion is made by the appointed Parliamentarian, KF5VCQ, to wit:

The following uncontested slate of Officers shall be elected by acclamation from a majority of members present by indication and verbal vote:

- ◆ President Mark Adams WA5MA
- ◆ 1st Vice President Jack Conway W5JHC
- ◆ 2nd Vice President Ky Vargas KY5VAR
- ◆ Secretary Andrew Shead W5AWS



- ◆ Treasurer Jerry Weikel KE5PMK
- ◆ Trustee Gregg Wonderly W5GGW
- ◆ Public Liaison Bart Pickens NSTWB

QUESTION: is there a Second?

SECONDED: by Ed, W1PN.

CALL THE VOTE YAY: All those in favor raise your hands.

CALL THE VOTE NAY: All those against raise your hands.

RESULT: Parliamentarian recognizes a unanimous majority. The new officers will continue their positions in January 2025.

KF5VCQ yielded the floor to WA5MA.

3.8.1 Note

The stipulation within the previous Tulsa Amateur Radio Club bylaws allowing a President to serve only two consecutive one-year terms, has been eliminated in the new bylaws, so the current President is able to continue to serve during the 2025 term if elected.

3.9 Repeater Challenge

WA5MA asked whether anyone monitored the Superlink system and answered those making a call, and, from time to time, announce one's call sign and make contact with another operator.

WA5MA encourage members to not only announce their call sign, but also to ask for a signal report.

3.10 Route-66 On The Air

WA5MA said that we made over 2,000 QSOs during Route-66 on the air, which produced a box full of QSL card requests. WA5MA asked for volunteers after the meeting to take a handful of QSL requests and fulfill them by returning a W6L QSL card in the self-addressed stamped-envelopes provided by the requesters.

3.11 Club Centenary Celebration

WA5MA asked Ky, KY5VAR, to report status of the centenary-celebration event.

KY5VAR said that tickets are available for purchase through the club website for the centenary-celebration dinner at Ti Amo's Restaurant on 10 December from 1800 until 2100 hrs. KY5VAR urged members to join the fun and asked for a show of hands of those members present planning to attend; most present indicated intention to celebrate.

KY5VAR moved on to his next topic.



3.12 Repeater Go-Fund-Me Campaign

KY5VAR said that to date only fifteen persons have made a financial contribution to the repeater repair and maintenance Go-Fund-Me campaign, far fewer than those who said they would in a previous meeting. KY5VAR urged members to support the club by donating whatever they can afford. Every bit helps.

3.13 Club Merchandise

Robert, KI5WDD, has club-branded merchandise for sale. Proceeds from the centenary merchandise sold goes to support the centenary banquet.

3.14 Member Spotlight

WA5MA yielded to KY5VAR for member spotlight, which this month is on Mark, KD5SMF who has explored various antenna systems that in process led him to build an inexpensive Skywire loop antenna around his home QTH. Loop antennas are inherently low noise. KD5SMF works entirely QRP at about 2W with his antennas tuned for best performance in the CW sections of the bands. His 80 m full-wave loop antenna will also work on the higher ham bands. KD5SMF recommended the MMANA-GALBasic antenna modeling program that he used to produce calculated radiation patterns: <http://gal-ana.de/basicmm/en/>. KD5SMF recommended the wire he uses for the antenna element, DX Commander DX10 wire: <https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/dxc-dx10wire>.

KD5SMF and KY5VAR yielded the floor to WA5MA.

3.15 Santa Net

WA5MA recognized Remell, KA6DOY, who advertised the annual CQ Santa Net held every evening between Thanksgiving and Christmas on 3.916 MHz at 7:00PM Central Time (check-ins open 1/2 hour before): <https://www.cqsanta.com/>.

KA6DOY yielded the floor to WA5MA and miscellaneous matters.

3.16 Miscellaneous Matters

- If severe weather is in the forecast, please monitor the WX5TUL Skywarn Net on the Superlink System. Go to WSIAS.com for Superlink frequencies in your area. Check-in and give a report.
- TARC Exam Session, Saturday, November 23rd, 1000 hrs Keplinger Hall Room 3140
- We usually help martial the Sand Springs Christmas Parade into its starting order. We will be there from 1600 until 1900 hours when we will need about eight to ten volunteers with HTs. WA5MA will send more information closer to the day, which is Friday, 6 December 2024.
- There will be no ARES net on November 4th.
- WA5MA offered club stickers to put in the window of the car to anyone present who wanted one or two.



- Logan, KJ5EDE, connected the Superlink to <https://www.broadcastify.com/> where anyone can listen to traffic, which is useful for non-hams during severe weather. Also, as someone noted, you can use broadcastify to perform a radio self-check by transmitting on the Superlink and then waiting a few moments to hear your transmission on broadcastify.
- KJ5EDE cautioned anyone mailing QSL cards or any mail not to use the blue boxes on the street, only dropping mail inside a post office. Blue mailboxes are subject to fishing expeditions by criminals looking for checks to cash or information to steal.
- Tony, KA5TRO, has become blind and now must use all his equipment that isn't voice activated or easy to use via touch. So, if you are looking for some used equipment, contact KA5TRO with your requirements to find out whether he can meet your need.
- TARC Tech Night on December 3rd is canceled.

3.17 Club Badges

These club badges await collection by their owners:

- KI5URK, Larry — paid
- NJ5Z, John — \$2
- KI5TZG, Ellis — paid
- KI5HJM, Cameron — paid
- KI5ZWB, Gabe — \$2
- N5CEL, Curtis — paid
- KC5BTQ, Lowell — paid

4 Next Meeting

Our next monthly meeting of the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club is January 21st at the University of Tulsa, Keplinger Hall, Room 3140, beginning at 1900 hrs.

5 Adjournment

There being no further business, WA5MA called for a motion to adjourn; Mark, KD5SMF, made a motion to adjourn; Andrew, W5AWS seconded; motion approved by a general exodus.

Meeting adjourned at 2035 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Andrew, W5AWS, Secretary.
