

Minutes of the May 18, 2023 DTARC Meeting

Prior to the start of the May meeting, the Board of Directors met in executive session to discuss a proposed change in the club membership. Following a brief discussion, the board made a decision to designate student (youth) memberships as non-voting associate members. As a result, the numbers needed for a quorum are reduced.

The May meeting was then opened by President Dwayne Allen at 12:20 PM. There were 10 members present: Dwayne, Betty, Jerry Boone, Pat, Al, Kelly, Rhonda, Wade, Clay and Bill Vance.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Jerry Boone. He gave the club's bank balance. He also explained that the annual liability insurance premium needs to be paid in June. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was then made by Jerry, seconded by Betty and all present voted in favor.

Dwayne then pointed out that there was an error in the minutes from the previous meeting. The following changes to the previous minutes are provided here in order to correct the record: "The name of the club newsletter was changed to Devils Tower Encounters. The motion to adopt this name was made by Terry and seconded by Katie." A motion to accept the corrected minutes was then made by Al and seconded by Bill. All present voted in favor.

Old Business:

Liability insurance: The club liability insurance policy is due for renewal and the only acceptable payment is by credit card. In the past, Dwayne has paid the bill with his credit card and the club has reimbursed him. Bill moved that we continue to do the same and Wade seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Field Day: Club Officer elections will be held on Friday June 23, 2023, which is the night before Field Day. Kelly has agreed to cook for us that evening. Everyone will bring their own meat and a side dish to share. Dwayne will arrive Friday morning to begin setting up for Field Day and invites all members to help.

ARISS: Jerry spoke about the ARISS proposal made to the Crook County school district where we would provide the technical expertise to arrange a radio contact between the schools and the International Space Station. Due to an apparent lack of interest from the schools, Jerry made a motion to table the project and Betty seconded the motion. We may try this again at a later date. All voted in favor.

New Business:

Reduction of the Quorum: A discussion was held regarding the club quorum requirements. It was proposed to change the quorum from the present "greater than 50% of the voting membership" to "greater than 33% of the voting membership." A motion to do so was made by Wade and seconded by Jerry. All voted in favor.

Electricity to the Sunny Divide building: The power to the building is not on and the cause is unknown. Last year, the club contributed the funds to pay the Sunny Divide electrical bill for four months. A club member's personal contribution added funds for another two month's electrical costs. A suggestion was made that we do so again, and the club has the funds available. Wade made the motion to contribute \$170 towards the Sunny Divide power bill. It was seconded by Jerry, and all voted in favor.

QSL cards: Dwayne spoke about creating a Club Log account and using their OQRS feature for foreign QSL requests.

June VHF contest: This will be on June 10th and 11th and held either at the farm again or here at Sunny Divide. Everyone is encouraged to join in.

New web page: There are a few bugs in the new web page and Dwayne will be working on finding and fixing them.

Our next meeting will be at Sunny Divide, Friday June 23, 2023.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jerry and seconded by Wade at 1:35 pm. All present voting in favor.

Patricia Boone
Secretary