

RADIO SOCIETY OF TUCSON

Board Meeting Minutes

05/12/2020

I. Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM 05/12/2020 by Chairman Gary Keck, KE7DX on frequency 145.250 MHz as Net Control.

II. Roll Call – Checked In

Gary Keck, KE7DX conducted a roll call. The following Board Members were present:

Chairman: Gary Keck, KE7DX
Vice-Chairman: Michael Perrett, K7HIL
Secretary: Rosie Paszkiet, KG7QWR
Don Ernle, KD7UIZ
Dick Jones, W0ZPD
Joe Statkevicius, K3TYE
Bruce Betterley, WA1BZQ

Treasurer: Shari Presnell, KJ7ADI*
Brenda Holman, N3QVK*

*Indicates not present

Others in attendance Richard KN7SW and AJ KB7KZ

III. Old Business

Young Ham of the Year – tabled to business meeting.

QSO Cards – Gary KE7DX on his “To Do” list, due to the quarantine they are not needed at this time.

Day in the Park - for June, July and August will be on Radio Ridge, Mt Lemmon. The schedule needs to be updated on website. This will be brought up at the business meeting.

Life Membership Committee – Don KD7UIZ reported committee has not met, but will be meeting very soon.

Future Presentations – Michael K7HIL – Carl (KB7AZ) will be doing presentation for May.

VE SIG - Online/remote testing on VE testing from other groups – Dick WOPZD – Anchorage Club has been doing online testing right along; ARRL looking into it and still in the study stage; Laurel group looked into it before and have no intention of doing remote testing as established rules work just fine.

QSO Party - coming up in May and Field Day – nothing heard from Richard KN7SW when callsign was called.

Repeaters – Don KD7UIZ – Racquet Ball Club - 2 Motorola units removed; Henry (N7HND) will be handling the upgraded equipment replacement. The repeater has not been in service. The frequency is at 449.300 MHz. RST vacated that frequency and will be DMR established by Henry to the benefit of Tucson. The ownership of the units is not RST; Chris (N7JND) was in charge of this repeater when the units were installed.

Contesting – Don KD7UIZ - Field Day 2020 is June 27th and 28th; RST is looking for a Field Day Chairman that will be working with the Catalina Radio Club.

Donations - Don KD7UIZ – no activity.

Interclub – Bruce WA1BZQ - DX club, because of the quarantine, is pretty much defunct; U of A is conducting their meetings on the air; Oro Valley meeting this Friday on Zoom.

IV. New Business

Joe K3TYE – Point of information – the Fusion repeater, 145.25 MHz, to be replaced by another Yaesu repeater while it is being upgraded and modified. Afterwards, the 146.80 MHz will repeat the same process. Jack (KB7JCY) and Henry (N7HND) are working on this project to rotate the repeaters so that Fusion will be maintained.

Michael K7HIL – mentioned that 448.25 MHz can't be reached from his home nor from Gary's. There was concern that there would be an analog repeater available to those in the Club that would operate 2 and 4 meters. AJ (KB7KZ) stated that 448.25 MHz would handle digital and analog; possible to disconnect from internet and remain analog. Michael would like to see this information on our RST webpage.

Gary KE7DX – RST repeater 448.25 MHz is not reachable. The repeater was to be placed onto a Fire station tower, but did not get accomplished. Gary will get with the Fire Chief and negotiate to get it done.

Michael K7HIL – presentations for the next three months are set up. Carl (KB7AZ) will be presenting in May, Jeff in June, and Alan (AC2K) will be in July. We are looking at using Zoom for our May RST meeting. Gary KE7DX would like to see the presentations continue even though we are not meeting. He would like to see the presentation time frame to be about 25 minutes in length and have our business meeting would commence around 7:30pm.

Gary Keck KE7DX adjourned the meeting at 6:07pm.

Amendment to the May notes: In April the Board via email approved the expenditure to purchase a Yaesu FTM100 for the fusion repeater. Joe K3YTE was reimbursed in May for \$300.61.

Minutes submitted by: Rosie Paszkiet KG7QWR