

Minutes ARE July 8, 2015

General Meeting called to order at 19:00 by James WJ2K

Members Present: James WJ2K, Pete KC5IMZ, John W5FFS, John W3UTB

Minutes: Pete made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes, seconded by John D. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: For the period of 6-1-15 to 6-30-15. The balance of the account is \$1298.21. Pete made a motion, seconded by John D, motion passed.

Events: New member and renewal class for RACES is August 22, 2015. Go to www.tarrantraces.org to sign up.

Club social is July 31 at 6pm at North Main BBQ. Special Friday night meeting.

Business: James talked about CERT activation on Thursday July 2, 2015. Euleless CERT was activated to help in search for Elderly woman with Alzheimer's that wandered away from her home. Lessons learned from event include that FRS radios were not very effective. Also learned was the ARE repeater was not effective with HT's in the Bear Creek area.

James proposed that ARE begin development of a Technician license class for CERT team members. James has applied for Registered Education Provider certification from the ARRL. This will give us access to education materials.

James gave a presentation on the coverage of our repeater antenna. The coverage map was created using Radio Mobile software. This software utilizes mapping and terrain data to estimate the coverage of a specific transmitter. The software suggests that our repeater has little coverage in the northern and western areas of Euleless. Members requested additional study to be done on how we can improve our coverage including proposals to replace the current antenna, increase the height of the antenna, or change locations of the repeater and antenna.

Contact Chris KE5KPC if you want to take a license test at ke5kpc@gmail.com.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pete 20:00 seconded by John D. Motion passed.

Minutes are submitted by: James Knighton WJ2K Euleless ARC President