



TCDXA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 16, 2011

Sunshine Factory Restaurant
New Hope, MN

CALL TO ORDER: Introduction of members by Pat, KØPC, TCDXA President.

ATTENDANCE: 26 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- T6PSE Afghanistan cancelled - refunded to club \$360.00

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gary, KOØQ recommended we now conduct an annual audit due to our 501c(3) status. Dave, KØIEA and Larry WØPR volunteered to conduct an audit this summer.
- Jim Junkert, KØJUH, discussed the DXHog award buttons. Jim is also looking for a volunteer to pick up the webmaster duties - approx. 1 hr per month.
- Ron, NØAT, discussed the T32 DXpedition sponsored by the 5 Star DX Association. BOD recommended funding at \$250.00. Club vote will be concluded on Saturday the 21st.
- Mike, KØBUD, reminded everyone of the tailgate swap at 3M on June 4th at 7:00am. He also shared Amateur Radio Days in MN will be 6/25 and 6/26 during Field Day Operations.
- Al, KØAD, asked members for their thoughts on improving the ARRL DX Contest.
- Bill, WØOR, shared information on his role as the ARRL State Government Liason and the history behind such things as our Amateur Radio license plates. He also shared a future goal for an Amateur Radio Day at the Capital.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

- None.

TREASURERS REPORT: Income: \$5396 Expenses: \$992 Balance: \$4404

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS: Jim KØJUH \$20, Tom NØZK \$20, Larry WØPR \$10. Club Treasury: \$47

PROGRAM: Ray, KGØDK, and Tom WØZR (via Mike's, KØBUD, interview) led a great discussion of the new Kenwood TS-590 radio. Ron described the various attributes of the mid-priced rig that made it well worth the \$1,700 and let it compete quite handily with many more expensive radios. From what we understand the TS-590 is flying off of the shelves, and stay tuned for Kenwood to release an even greater powerhouse in 2012!

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 7:30pm.

Gary Strong, KOØQ
Secretary-Treasurer