

Mississippi Coast Amateur Radio Association
Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: October 18, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:06PM

Staff Present;

Ben McMath W5SOF	President
Bob Jackson WX5RJ	Secretary
John Ryan KJ4NJT	Treasurer Absent/out of town
Bobby Allen KF5BA	Activities Manager/Past President
Jeff Wilmer W5JGW	Vice President was Absent/Out of Town

Opening Prayer: Bob Jackson WX5RJ

Pledge of Allegiance : Ben McMath W5SOF

Total Signed in 30

Total Members 25

Total Guest 5

ARRL Members 16

Reports

The minutes were given out and reviewed. Motion to accept by Doc N5AHN Second by Noel N5FTY. Doc N5AHM made a request for Board of Directors Minutes to be published and for numbers to be provided in the Treasurers Report on the Minutes.

The Treasurer John KJ4NJT, was not present for the Treasurers Report.

Bobby KF5BA gave the Activities Report, highlight was the upcoming Jackson County Hamfest and the Islands Award Program being sponsored by the Jackson County Ham Club.

Old Business: Nominations were the only old business addressed. Bobby KF5BA reported that no new names had been presented to him as committee chairman. The names he had were. President: Ben McMath W5SOF

Vice President: Jeff Wimmer W5JGW

Secretary: Bob Jackson WX5RJ

Treasurer: Brenda Jackson KI5OWU

From the floor a nomination was made for Joe Mitchell WA5FFL for Activities Chairman.

New Business:

Dan N5PZL Made two motions. Motion 1 was to defer action on Letter sent to Joe Tucker KI5PKE revoking his remaining time on the awarded membership to MCARA as a new licensee. The letter had been issued by the Board of Directors(BOD) based on several incidents of perceived threat towards BOD members and other club members.

There was much discussion on the constitutional ability of the board to take such action. There is now much confusion as to which constitution is current and which by-laws should be used. Secretary WX5RJ stated he would try and find the historical files to determine which constitution should be in use.

The second motion that Dan N5PZL made was that an amendment be made to the current constitution that it would require a majority of members present vote to revoke club membership for any member for any cause.

On motion one, to defer action on letter to Joe Tucker KI5PKE, there was a second and vote. Those in favor of deferment were 11 those against were 4. Based on the vote the Letter is deferred.

The second motion could not be voted on as the current constitution is in question. It will be resubmitted once the constitution question is solved.

On the question of the Constitution Committee that had been established by Doc N5AHM, Doc informed the board that he had resigned from that committee.

Another issue that was raised is that we are not following club rules in voting on new members. Many members indicated they had never been voted on the present membership.

Harry AB5FU stated the MCARA Tuesday night net is staying steady reporting to the state ARRL Represented of more than 100 per month.

Harry AB5FU made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Billy AI5EU.

Submitted by

Robert Jackson Jr, WX5RJ

Secretary

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM