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MAGNOLIA DX ASSOCIATION General Membership Meeting January 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order, under Robert's Rules of Order by Randy, W5UE, and George, K5JZ at 0800 hours. The location was Barnhill's Restaurant, Gulfport, MS.

Randy, W5UE, passed the gavel of the president to George, K5JZ. Randy, W5UE, and George, K5JZ, gave brief comments on the club's direction for the future. George will ask for volunteers to lead the group in prayer.

Ed, KA5VFU, led the group in prayer.

Charlie, WD5BJT, let the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The club's program was put on compliments of Floyd, N5FG. The topic was a DVD video of an island DXpedition to KL7DX. Floyd, N5FG, has donated the DVD video to the club.

Ed, KA5VFU, gave the final 2009 treasurer report. On a motion to accept by Cliff, N5WI, seconded by Floyd, N5FG, brief discussion was held. A vote to accept the treasurer's report was cast.

Charlie, WD5BJT, advised the membership that problems were encountered sending the past meeting minutes via email. It is hoped that the problem can be resolved quickly. The November 2009 minutes were read to the membership. On a motion to accept the minutes by Floyd, N5FG, seconded by Jerry, N5UCF; brief discussion was held. A vote to accept the minutes was cast.

Floyd, N5FG, briefly spoke about his duties as treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Chuck, WS1L, reports that all past committee chairs have accepted reappointment
Chris, K5MOZ, will be the email list moderator.

Programs – 2 picnics to be held in March and November. Dan, AE5JG, will head these events. Gary Jones, will give a talk on DXpeditions he has been on. Gary, K4GSG, will give a presentation on PSK-31. George, K5JZ, will give a presentation on the "Magic of DXing." Chuck, WS1L, will give a talk on operating etiquette. Chuck, WS1L, will head the 2010 Field Day operation. Chuck, WS1L, is seeking your input for ideas and topics for future MDXA meetings or functions.

Chuck, WS1L, will head the 2010 Field Day committee.

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Old Business:

George, K5JZ, told the members that the BOD minutes will be sent out via email to the Regular members.

Randy, W5UE, reported that Chris, K5MOZ, would moderate the club's email alias system, and the BOD minutes would be emailed via a special email collective address. Randy, W5UE, also says he is updating the club's membership application, and club activities event forms.

Glen, N5PQ, wants to have a check list developed to track the club's goals.

George, K5JZ, acknowledged the following visitors: Ira, NN5AF; Evelyn, KB5ZIA; Cheryl KB5ZIB; Cheryl's husband, Guy; and Terry, KF5DIO.

George, K5JZ, reported that under Robert's Rules of Order, any unfinished business of the 2009 BOD "falls to the ground."

New Business:

George, K5JZ, asked the membership to contact the BOD via any means to bring ideas, thoughts, etc, to the BOD's attention.

Vic, N5YY, and Ed, KA5VFU, gave a report on the on going Amateur Radio classes.

On a motion to amend the Bylaws by Bob, KD5PYG, to replace the word "regular" concerning the release of BOD minutes to read "member", seconded by Chuck, WS1L, George, K5JZ, explained the club's process to amend the Bylaws, also read the applicable portion of the Bylaws. George, K5JG, explained the BOD's intentions when the club was formed. Lively discussion ensued. On a motion to amend the original motion by Terry, N5TF, seconded by Terry, K5GY, to change the word "regular" to "current member." Discussion ensued, the motion to amend was passed by vote of acclimation. Discussion on the original motion as amended ensued. A vote of acclimation was cast. A copy of the amended Bylaws will be posted on the web site, and filed with the State of Mississippi.

New Business:

None.

For the good of the order:

Vic, N5YY, Asked for input for the newsletter. The drop dead date is January 31.

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Jerry, N5UCF, reported that a repeater ethics committee was forming among the repeater owners/trustees/control operators. Travis, N5PQ; Jerry, N5UCF; and Chris, K5MOZ are on the committee. Contact the committee members with your input.

Tom, AB6Z, wants more civility and more good etiquette in emails.

George, K5JZ, commented on the email reflector's rules of use. Chris, K5MOZ (email moderator), stated there are two rules: 1. Civility, 2. MDXA or DX related.

George, K5JZ, announced that the BOD will meet immediately after the general membership meeting at Barnhills.

Chuck, WS1L, reports the MDXA will host the DX seminar at the Jackson Hamfest. A gathering of MDXA members for dinner is suggested for 5 p.m. on Friday. The rallying point is the ARRL booth. Come meet your 2010 BOD.

Travis, N5PQ, says that MCARA will host the first ethics lecture on January 19th at the AMR building.

George, K5JZ, announced that Betty Jo, KB5CSQ, will head the benevolence effort.

Charlie, WD5BJT, asked that donations would be accepted even though the donation can is not at the meeting. See any BOD member to accept your donation.

Jimmy, K5OP, announced that the new BOD photographs will be taken after the meeting.

On a motion to adjourn by Terry, K5YG, seconded by Travis, N5PQ, brief discussion was entertained. A vote of acclimation was cast.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Otnott
WD5BJT
Secretary

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