

# SwMsARC meeting minutes

## Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Club President, N5ZNT at 1858. The minutes from August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were read by secretary, AD7KJ and accepted by vote as posted on club website. The Treasures report was read by WB5ASP in the absence of club Treasurer, which was also accepted by vote as read.

N5ZNT (A) recognized the Mississippi Section Emergency Test operators at both hospitals and mobile or home stations. (B) VE testing was briefly questioned and commented of scheduling and notification changes. Testing will be by appointment and tests will be scheduled BEFORE a meeting when a candidate has MADE AN appointment for an exam. Other exam groups have posted similar scheduling around the state. Exams can be scheduled outside of meetings if there is a class and-or when there is a need. The club web-page will be updated as to contact and scheduling. (C) At the arrival of guests round-table self introductions was requested. The guests introduced themselves as desiring to obtain licenses and requested a question and answer period for those concerns.

When returning to the agenda, N5ZNT picked up with (A) A recognition of the Katrina Special Station that KG5BA and KG5AVT operated. They operated as K5T, the "Thank You Station" and logged 2054 contacts. (B) The FCC data base has been down after upgrading servers and technical problems should be resolved on today's date, September 10<sup>th</sup>. There was no information if that goal was met. (C) The ARRL Day in the Park picnic is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> and is posted on the ARRL MS Section web-page in Picayune. WB5ASP noted that these are great meet-and-greet and tail-gate events. (D) From WB5ASP one of the newest up-grade testee, Bobby has a "new radio" and is asking for assistance in getting on the air. (E) The 85 repeater is still in progress for installation. Its location was questioned as to original plans and club approval which was answered. (F) MS Tour for a Cure date is October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> as earlier meeting notifications address as a change from previous years. The second weekend AND NOT the first weekend in October.

A request for adjournment was moved and seconded when other business had not been addressed was still pending. (A) Returning to calendar events The Club Picnic was verified as still scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> and a request was asked if anyone had found an alternate suitable location. With none heard N4RUD and KC4YNL were authorized of a plus or minus \$100 budget for picnic supplies. We WILL be meeting October 8<sup>th</sup> in Brookhaven and a request for attendance numbers was requested for the meeting. (B) Pictures for SouthWest Regional Medical Center radio operators will be taken immediately after meeting. (C) A QSL card was received from W9APE. (D) Today is WU5U's birthday. (E) Adjournment for pictures and ham radio question and answers for Tommy and Patti Alderman and Jim O'Rourke at 1957. Respectfully submitted by Cullen Watts, AD7KJ