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A second organizational meeting was held Wednesday evening, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the WTH of Sandra and Dick Sanders with the following present: Jack Freeman, WA5EDK; Gerald Williamson, W5SID; Harry Johnson, <sup>WA5</sup> ~~W5~~ YCM; Ed Lawrence, WA5SWD; Bill Niles, K5MVB; Dick Sanders, K5QNY; his XYL, Sandra; Carole and Bill Allen, W5NQQ and R.

The availability of meeting places at the First National Bank and the Parks and Recreation Building was discussed and the group decided to meet at the First National Bank on the second Wednesday of May or May 9. *Ed Lawrence also suggested the Bank be asked about a free account for the club.* The frequency of 14.280 was suggested for a local rag-chewing spot at 9 or after.

K5QNY read the sample constitution sent by the ARRL. Bill Niles, K5MVB volunteered to check on incorporation requirements in the state of Texas. WA5SWD suggested that the secretary should add modifications to the by-laws on a current basis to keep them ~~xxxxxx~~ up-to-date and easy to refer to.

The group suggested that only licensed members ~~be~~ voting members; and that a statement about the approval of members be left in the constitution. Dues were discussed with various amounts and methods of monthly or lump-sum payment. A \$1 per month payment for 6 months or a one-time payment of \$5 yearly was suggested.

Affiliation with the ARRL was discussed and the group decided to leave such affiliation up to a later club vote and not be stated as such in the original constitution.

The choice of a name was deferred to vote by the club at an early meeting.

W5NQR read the constitution of the Lafayette (La.) ARC aloud for purposes of comparison.

The group approved the ARRL constitution with minor changes to be worked out in accordance with the requirements of the State of Texas relative to incorporation.

In order to finance mailing of the first newsletter, those in attendance each paid \$2.00 to be used as a deposit on their club dues. Those paying were Harry Johnson, Dick Sanders, Sandra Sanders, Bill Niles, Ed Lawrence, Jack Freeman, Gerald Williamson and Carole and Bill Allen - the total being \$18.00.

It was suggested that the formation of a TVI committee be covered in the by-laws, also the amount of dues. K5MVB suggested that copies of the constitution be mailed to all interested and recommendations be requested.

WA5EDK asked about the membership being open to everyone and this was discussed. It was also decided that an activities chairman is vital.

Harry suggested that various officers be elected at different times - for example the President, Secretary and Treasurer <sup>first</sup> and the Vice President and Activities Chairman at a later time. K5MVB said this could be accomplished at the first meeting by electing ~~by electing~~ one group of officers for six months and the other for a year. He also suggested that elections be held in the spring and fall.....

WA5SWD also recommended that persons who receive the mailer let us know what problems they have observed in other clubs so that we may avoid them and also submit constructive suggestions.

Another meeting was called for April 19 at Harry's QTH about 7 p.m. At that time the constitution and a cover letter to accompany ~~it~~ will be reviewed and re-worked.

WA5SWD suggested that the by-laws contain the tried and true Australian statement that any person may talk as long as he can stand on one foot. He did not state which foot. The meeting adjourned.