

LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes Board Meeting 03/20/12

The board of directors of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club had their monthly meeting at North Lakeland YMCA on 03/20/12 at 18:30 hrs.

Members present were:

Officers - Patrick O'Neil, Bob Foxworth, Bob Siegel, Gary Lee,

Board Members in Attendance: Fred Delaney, Tom Evans, Bill Johnson, Ren Monllor, and Mike Oliver

Visitors in Attendance: Christy Evans, Gabrielle and Ansel Monllor

The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Patrick O'Neil
2. The club financial and operating statements were presented by club treasurer, Bob Foxworth.
 - a. It was noted that all dues were due for 2012 by end of March.
 - b. Florida Repeater Association dues will be paid shortly.
 - c. Club insurance premium is due in July.
 - d. The Florida Division of Corporations annual Corporation Report was filed.
 - e. The board approved the reports.
3. Comments by President O'Neil:
 - a. National Hurricane Conference will be held next (3/26) week in Orlando
 - b. Action is being taken to provide access and monthly testing of the ham station in the LPD EOC
 - c. A rag chew has been started on the LARC repeater daily at 2 PM.
 - d. Dates:
 - i. March For Babies – April 28th
 - ii. Hurricane plane will be on view in Florida on May 4th
 - iii. Polk County Hurricane Expo in Haynes City June 2
 - iv. Board Meeting in May changed to May 8th instead of 15th
 - v. Field Day June 23-24
 - e. There was a meeting with Sun & Fun volunteers to discuss possible assistance to set up club there and operating activities. The board agreed for LARC not to formally participate, however individuals may participate if they desire.
 - f. A suggestion was made to initiate a suggestion box for suggestions for the

LARC. Gary Lee will set up.

4. A report was given by Fred on the March 31st Special Event Station. This activity has been noticed by the ARRL. A certificate or special QSL card will be sent to confirmed contacts. The event will be held at the Lake Parker Park. Time is 9:30 to 3PM. Two stations will be set up. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be supplied. Members and guests should bring 2L bottles of soda and covered dish each.
5. It was mentioned that the 50/50 drawing should be held at every club meeting.
6. The suggestion was made to revive the club newsletter. This will be discussed further at next board meeting and club meeting.
7. It was decided that announcements at club meetings be shown in PowerPoint on screen. This will be done.
8. The subject of club sponsored "Foxhunts" was discussed with great interest. As the cost may be relatively minor and RDF antennas as a club meeting project. It was agreed to pursue further.
9. The subject of additional club events (see 8 above) was discussed with everyone agreeing more events should be held. It was noted that in the last few years the level of activity has increased significantly but still needs to grow a lot more. The lack of a club facility was noted and the current meeting place will be contacted to see if more activities could be held there beside monthly club meeting. Suggestions are welcomed.
10. Next club meeting (April 2nd) will be a presentation on keys (Bert KT2G) along with a video "The Last Great Field Day"
11. Ren is continuing to work on Code Practice Oscillators for the study group. It was remarked that ARRL has code practice on routine schedule (see QST for time and bands)
12. There will be a board meeting in April 17th. Same time same place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted:

Bob Siegel, WA4YFN