

LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes Board Meeting 04/17/12

The board of directors of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club had their monthly meeting at North Lakeland YMCA on 04/17/12 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,

Board Members Absent: Ren Monllor, and Mike Oliver

Visitors in Attendance: (none)

The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Patrick O'Neil
2. Informal discussion regarding Foxhunting and Tom Evans work on subject. It is expected to have a presentation and club project later this year.
3. The club financial and operating statements were presented by club treasurer, Bob Foxworth.
 - a. Bank balance as of 3/31 \$2,856.56
 - b. Florida Repeater Association dues have been paid.
 - c. The board approved the report.
4. Comments / Old Business by President O'Neil:
 - a. The 2PM daily rag chew is going well with more and more checking in.
 - b. Dates:
 - i. March of Dimes - March For Babies – April 28th
 - ii. Hurricane plane will be on view in Florida on May 4th
 - iii. Polk County Hurricane Expo in Haines City June 2
 - iv. Board Meeting in May changed to May 8th instead of 15th
and will be held at the Hunt – Fountain park pavilion. (FD site)
 - v. Field Day June 23-24

- c. The suggestion form for suggestions for the LARC was initiated at the last club meeting. Gary Lee discussed the results which indicated good response and some excellent suggestions for future programs.
 - d. Kathleen Historical Society invited club to participate in Nov 3 program (similar to one in March). Although there were some comments and questions, it was generally agreed to participate at this time with further discussion in fall.
 - e. The new time / place and system for VE tests continues to go well with several test given each month (see LARC blog from website)
 - f. There is still not internet connection to repeater but being worked on.
 - g. Mike is working on inventory of Club assets. Richard Sharp submitted an inventory of repeater equipment to Mike.
5. New Business
- a. The board discussed creating a budget for 2013 to clarify where money is to be spent and if possible create a subcategory to accumulate funds for emergencies and or equipment replacement. It was noted that some of the repeater equipment is almost 20 years old.
6. It was mentioned that the 50/50 drawing should be held at every club meeting.
7. There was a significant discussion resulting from the suggestion response and board members input regarding setting up training programs to help club members to advance their license grade and perhaps encourage non-licensed prospective hams to study for technician class. Several board members volunteered to help teach. Bill Johnson will create a list of current club members with grade to identify prospects for upgrade. Gary indicated possible use of Cypress Lakes clubhouse for classes.
8. There was a recommendation to create an “ELMERS” list with areas of expertise to be published on website / blog. This would be of great help to new “Hams” and even existing hams with problems.
9. Tom Evans advised he has most of the club media
10. It was noted that future club meetings will include short presentations on Amateur Radio History and some “Electronics / Radio” subjects

11. NOTE! Change in venue and date for next board meeting – May 8th, Hunt – Fountain park pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Bob Siegel, WA4YFN