

LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes Board Meeting 11/20/12

The board of directors of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club had their monthly meeting at North Lakeland YMCA on 11/20/12 at 18:30 hrs.

Members present were:

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

Board Members in Attendance: Tom Evans, Bill Johnson, Fred Delaney, Al Sheppard.

Board Members, Officers Absent: Mike Oliver, Ren Monllor

Visitors in Attendance: none.

The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

1. Patrick reaffirmed that the Christmas party December 18th will replace the regular monthly meeting. Currently around 50 members have paid for the party, or about the same number that attended in 2011. Tea and coffee will be provided at the event. A reminder will go out prior to the party suggesting deserts and if desired soft drinks.
2. Response to the questionnaire offering free membership for the person taking on the responsibility for refreshments was insufficient to make a decision. Of those who voted, three were in favor, two against. The board decided that refreshments should be a volunteer position, and that until someone stepped forward, there would be none.
3. There will be no testing session for the month of December. Patrick will alert Laurel Amateur Radio Club of this, as required by a prior agreement.
4. During the Christmas Party Patrick will highlight some of the major activities of the club during the last year. This will be combined with a slide presentation. Bill will insure that Patrick gets the slides well in advance of the party so that Patrick can fold them into his presentation.
5. Hamcation will be February 8, 9, and 10 this year. The board decided that the club will purchase 15 tickets at a discount, and make them available to members, as it has done in past years.

6. Goals for 2013 were addressed. We have tentatively agreed to have a picnic January 26 at the Circle B. There will be fox hunting at this event, along with food and the usual club activities.
7. A tentative decision was made to have a Sun And Fun Special Event again this year. Date and venue to be determined.
8. Patrick will contact Mike Oliver about reserving Hunt Fountain Park for Field-Day 2013.
9. Itemized goals and suggestions arising from discussion:
 - a. Increase membership by 10% or 6 new members. Gary Lee made several suggestions to accomplish this.
 - i. Sponsor a "bring a friend to the meeting night" with the agenda geared to what amateur radio is all about.
 - ii. Increase the clubs visibility through a LARC bowling league, or LARC golf league.
 - b. Continue to develop interesting programs for the monthly meetings.
 - i. The Tom Evans Course on digital electronics is still scheduled for the coming year, but the group is looking for a venue. Ren is contacting the church to determine if the facilities used by AA are available.
 - ii. Fred suggested a swap meet.
 - iii. Gary suggested a boat anchor program.
 - iv. Fred suggested a QRP program.
 - v. Gary suggested a program on Crystal radio, and Al has agreed to do a presentation on this subject for the March meeting.
 - vi. Gary suggested a program on digital modes, directed at the younger crowd.
 - c. Continue to be of service to the community by supporting events such as:
 - i. March for babies
 - ii. Bicycle events
 - iii. LPD open house
 - iv. The board decided not to participate in the Kathleen Historical Society even for the coming year.
 - d. Bob Siegel suggested that the club sponsor a woman's event for XYL's.
 - e. Patrick suggested that we have a youth committee this year.
 - f. Outings: Gary suggested a club outing, ie a trip to Sky Craft, Patrick suggested Cape Canaveral, Al a tour of a TV station, ie Fox 13, Bob the Polk Theater.
 - g. Gary suggested the possibility of collecting food for other charities.
10. The board agreed to spend \$55 dollars on a 20-meter pass band filter for use on field day. Patrick will make the Purchase in January.

11. Bill will contact Jeff about a source of reasonably priced batteries for use on field day.
12. Patrick suggested that we send a Christmas card to new members and those who have tested, but who have not yet joined the club.
13. Fred volunteered to head up an Elmer welcoming committee. Bill and Bob Foxworth will insure that Fred gets the contact information on all new members as well as those who have tested with the club, but who are not yet members.
14. Bob Foxworth made his financial report. The months ending balance in the club's treasury was \$2,513.63.
15. Bob Siegel suggested that the club's five-year goal should be to have its own clubhouse. Discussion pro and con followed.
16. Echo link was brought up, but Tom pointed out that we had already decided not to spend the money on this project.
17. Last years performance at field day was greatly enhanced by our having the use of a trailer mounted tri-band Yagi antenna. Bill and Gary suggested that this would be a good club project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Johnson KI4ZMV