

LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes Board Meeting 1/15/13

The board of directors of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club had their monthly meeting at North Lakeland YMCA on 1/15/13 at 18:30 hrs.

Members present were:

Officers - Patrick O'Neil, Ernie Hayes, Bob Foxworth, Bill Johnson

Board Members – Bob Siegel, Mike Oliver, Al Sheppard

Absent - John Thompson, Ren Monllor, Tom Evans

The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Patrick O'Neil.
2. There will be a picnic January 26, 2013.
 - a. Patrick will purchase burgers and hots, buns and condiments. Additional meat patties will be donated by Pat Foxworth.
 - b. Bill will advertise the event on the blog. Ren will be asked to secure the site early on the day of the event.
 - c. There will be a fox-hunt at the picnic. Patrick and Bill will hide the foxes for those who would like to participate.
 - d. HT Elmers will be invited to bring their software and expertise to the picnic to help hams program their HTs. Ernie mentioned Chrip software, available free on the Internet that could be used to program some HTs. Here is the link to the Chrip site.
<http://chrip.danplanet.com/projects/chrip/wiki/Home>
3. The board decided that the July meeting would have a 4th of July theme and be a barbeque event, similar to one for Christmas. It will be catered by Jimbo's. The cost to members currently will be \$9.00 per head. The ladies of the club will be asked to do the decorations.
4. There will be a quilt, donated by Joan Haynes, raffled off at the July meeting. Tickets will be sold at every meeting, up to and including up to and including July's. Mike will purchase the tickets for the raffle.
5. Ernie will make the arrangements with Jimbo's, including asking if they can supply a food warmer for the event.
6. We will hold off on the purchase of a 15-meter filter for one month until we can consult with some knowledgeable hams to determine if this might be a good project for the club to take on. Store bought units cost \$80.00.
7. There was a brief discussion on the subject of field day batteries. Bill reported that Jeff Shuck had suggested that a pair of 6-volt golf cart batteries would be a better choice than aircraft batteries. They cost less, last longer than a single 12-volt battery, and are easier to move.

8. Patrick suggested a 2-meter simplex net event to be held some Saturday. There was a short discussion of the feasibility, and equipment requirements. More discussion is to follow.
9. Al has agreed to move his presentation up one month to give Ernie time to organize the boat anchor presentations, now scheduled to span two months. The first month will be a presentation by someone who has actually brought a boat anchor back to life, and the second, the following month will be a show and tell from those in the progress of rehabbing boat anchors.
10. Bring a friend night is still on the agenda for this year. It has been scheduled for the June meeting, but will not preclude anyone from bringing a friend before then. June was selected because it was the month before field day.
 - a. Ernie observed that if each board member present were to contact only three hams in the area with an invitation to join us at a meeting we could reach 21 people.
 - b. Bill suggested that if this task were to be taken on by the club in general, ten times this number of invites would be possible. It was noted that this task has been made feasible by the inclusion of a map of all hams in the Lakeland area.
11. The board agreed to donate \$250 dollars to the church for the use of the hall. The donation and a thank you card will be sent to the pastor.
12. There will be a treasurer audit, according to the bylaws in the month of January. According to the bylaws: **SECTION 1: Club Year** *The club's fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and shall end on December 31. The accounts of the club shall be audited by an auditing committee within 30 days following the end of the fiscal year.* Bob Siegel has volunteered, we need at least another individual to help.
13. The board has decided that we will not participate in the annual Kathleen Historical Society event this year.
14. The board agrees that the club will participate at the LPD open house. Patrick will contact John Thompson to make arrangements for our participation.
15. Bob made the treasurers report. The club bank account now totals approximately \$3,500.10 dollars. In a brief discussion that followed, Patrick requested that all financial records be given the secretary for filing, when they are of no longer of value to the treasurer. This would be after the annual audit. He also expressed interest in having a breakdown of club expenditures by type, how much for picnics, insurance, equipment etc.
16. Bob reported that 55 members have paid their dues. This was agreed to be a good start. The list of paid members' call signs was given to Mike, Patrick and Bill with a copy of new members going to Fred and Charley. Patrick will remind all attendees at the next meeting that dues will be due by April.
17. Ernie roughed out the next several months of programs: February – crystal radio, March a program by someone who has restored a boat anchor, April, members with boat anchors in various stages of restoration will show them off, May is open. June's program will revolve around invited guests, and July is barbeque night.
18. Ernie will ask Kayla to stand by the door on meeting nights, making sure that all who enter sign in.

19. Al suggested that a presentation on the Isotron antenna might be of interest, and that Don might be the one to make the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson KI4ZMV