

LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes Board Meeting 2/19/13

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 Haynes, Bob Foxworth, Bill Johnson
Board Members – Bob Siegel, Mike Oliver, Al Sheppard, John Thompson, Ren Monllor, and Tom Evans
Guests – Gabby Monllor, Ansel Monllor

The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Patrick O'Neil.

1. Members were asked to sign a thank you card to be sent to Bob Scott for his generous equipment donation, which will be retained by the club and used during club outings and especially on Field Day. Among the donated equipment was a Kenwood 440, power supply, microphone, two HT's, a PK 900 digital converter, and Yaesu 8 ohm headphone. The Kenwood radio will be checked out by Ernie, and Ren will do the same for the two HTs.
2. The club members have the opportunity to participate in the Tour de Cure bike ride, lending radio support to this group as it passes through Polk County on its 101 mile run. This event will take place March 17th, a Sunday. Specifics will be discussed at the March meeting and the event will be promoted in the club's blog and on its calendar.
3. The club will purchase a 15-meter band pass filter for use on Field Day. Patrick will be reimbursed for the purchase.
4. Life membership will be redefined as membership that lasts as long as the person holding this distinction of honor is alive. Life member names' will be removed from the clubs membership rolls upon their death.
5. The required annual audit has been completed, and a letter to this effect will be submitted by Bob Siegel, and shared with the board members.
6. The PLC tone will not be removed from the repeater. The tone frequency is easily obtained and almost all radios have that ability.
7. The June meeting will be "Bring a Friend" night.
8. The July club meeting will be another BBQ with the food promised to be hot.
9. A lengthy discussion of fund-raisers to benefit specific individuals ensued. In the past the club has supported the purchase radios for youngsters who could not afford them, and has donated food to food-banks. However, there are clearly times when a fellow ham could use a helping hand. A quilt donated by Joan Haynes will be raffled off for the benefit of a soon to be identified club member.
10. Another quilt will be raffled off to support field day activities.

11. Mike Oliver reported that the facilities at Hunt Fountain Park have been secured for Field-Day 2013.
12. A lengthy and sometimes passionate discussion lead by Tom Evans of why someone would want to belong to LARC ensued. We want to increase our membership, and it would help to make note of the benefits of membership to support this goal. It soon became clear that each member had his or her own personal reasons for continued membership, and Patrick suggested that each person present submit theirs on or before the next board meeting theirs.
13. Field-day batteries are still an issue. We still need them.
14. The club still intends to sponsor a Simplex Saturday.
15. Ernie will look into procuring a microphone for use during presentations at club meetings.
16. It was agreed that the club would purchase a backup bulb for the club's projector. The secretary will order the bulb.
17. There was a brief discussion of using clubs funds to support the education of its members and it was agreed in general that this was appropriate within reason.
18. Ernie announced that Phil Dentler agreed to do the Boat Anchor presentation scheduled for the March meeting.
19. Obtaining 501(C) 3 tax status for the club was discussed. The benefits and requirements of this need to be clearly defined as well as what steps are necessary to gain 501(C) 3 status.
20. Starting with this months meeting notes, the Treasurer's Report will be attached to the Board Meeting Notes.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson KI4ZMV

Treasurers Report**LARC****19 Feb 2013**

Bank balance information. Two months were not previously stated in this report due to no meeting in December, and no report given in January. As of 10/31 the closing balance was 2513.63, as stated on the 11/20 report. Balance as of 11/30 statement was 3251.50. Balance as of 12/31 was 3500.20 Balance as of 1/31 was 3553.20. The last 2 months' gain of approx.. 1000 dollars was due to renewals.

Checks paid: 1221 Gafford 34.12, 1222 Gribble 44.94, 1223 O'Neil 21.87, 1224 Hamcation tickets 150.00, 1225 O'Neil 75.81 (includes new bandpass filter), 1226 Westminster Pres. Church 250.00, 1227 O'Neil 84.19 (picnic) (this no. 1227 is the last check written).

Deposits 11/06 169.50, 11/07 649.50, 12/19 278.50, 1/08 302.50, 1/09 50.00, 1/11 87.50, 1/18 125.00, 1/28 50.00. Next month (Feb. statement) will show another deposit for 50.00.

HamCation, we bought 15 tickets and sold them all at cost. This took care of most but not all demand. I had perhaps 2 more serious offers seeking tickets after they were gone. This was at the picnic. Patrick and I discussed (1) getting more tickets next year, probably no more than 20 would do, if they are bought on speculation, and more importantly (2) booking them and collecting payment in advance to ensure there are no unclaimed tickets. One individual bought 5 tickets which may or may not happen again.

As of the 11/20 report we had 29 members. As of this report we have 62 members. There is one new member Ronald A. Herring KK4OGM, Tech class, PO Box 2377, Lakeland 33806. 813-680-2610 and cel 863-899.1706 ronaherring@gmail.com. Renewals since the 11/20 report are from K2OU and Terry, N4MCT, KG4YNI, KK4BMI and Lisa, K1DU, K4BHE, WA9POQ, N4EGH, KJ4DSQ, N3WAJ and KK4NSD, K3YVS, KG2G, KJ4IAI, WB1GGJ, N9BFA, N3TJ, KI4CDY, KJ4WFS and Christy, KJ4GBZ, WD4DGC, WA2UDG and WA32YSH, WW1WDP ex- KK4LYQ, WA4YFN, and finally AB4JM and KC5TEN. This most recent renewal was from Jim and Gillian Murray. One discrepancy is that Gillian's call was shown as KC5QWG on their renewal check but QRZ shows it as still KC5TEN, while KC5QWG is shown as a second call on AB4JM's QRZ page. I don't understand this.

The annual audit was recently done by WA4YFN and KK4KYL, and myself. Peggy prepared a nice statement of annual income and expenses based on records I supplied. There were, to me, no surprises, but I assume they may prepare their own report. The audit window was from January to December.

Annual task season, I have done the Westminster donation and forwarded the card that all of us signed. Still to do is the IRS 990 filing, Fla. Repeater council membership, Fla. Dept of State filing (through Sunbiz) and in June will be time to renew the club liability insurance.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Foxworth treasurer

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