

LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes
Board Meeting
April 16, 2013

The board of directors of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club had their monthly meeting at North Lakeland YMCA on 4/16/2013 at 18:30 hrs.

Members present were:

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

Board Members in Attendance: Bob Siegel, Ren Monllor, Mike Oliver, Al Sheppard

Board Members, Officers Absent: Tom Evans, John Thompson

Visitors in Attendance: Gabrielle and Ansel Monllor

The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

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

- ❑ Ernie announced that there was a Kantronics Packet Communicator Plus available to any club member who wishes to make a donation to the club. Bill will advertise this in the blog.
- ❑ The program for May will be "How to renew your license." Ernie will be the presenter.
 - Prior to Ernie's presentation Al will give a short talk, outlining a plan for selecting one or more kits to be built at a later meeting. A key part of Al's plan is to have someone who has built a project, give a short talk to the group on their so that others can decide if this is a project for them. Ansel has agreed to be the first. He will share his experiences building the Rockmite.
- ❑ There will be no board meeting in May due to the absences of several board members.
- ❑ Ernie will start to collect money for July's dinner catered by Jimbos. The drawing for the quilt donated by Joan Haynes will be at the July meeting.
 - It was decided that yellow tickets would be used to raffle off Joan's red, white and blue quilt.
 - You do not have to be present to win.
- ❑ The club is looking for a representative to the Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council. Patrick will ask for a volunteer at the next club meeting.

- ❑ The Club has a second Kenwood 440 radio. This unit is not operational, and is not worth repairing; however it will be retained for parts.
- ❑ Fred has requested an additional one hundred thirty nine dollars for Field Day supplies. The board voted to make this expenditure.
- ❑ Fred will bring the Club's Kenwood 440 to the picnic scheduled for Saturday April 20th. Patrick will bring his Buddy Pole, and ask George Mann if he would bring the antenna he designed especially for occasions like this.
- ❑ The June meeting will be "Bring a Friend Night." The agenda for this meeting is tentatively:
 - Introductions – Patrick
 - HT
 - Operations
 - HF - Fred
 - Patrick will be asking two members for the HT and Operations agenda.
 - Patrick will ask George Mann what might be done to publicize the "Bring a friend night."
- ❑ Ren suggested that the Club participate at Sun and fun next year.
- ❑ Patrick announced that the Club is looking for volunteers to possibly staff the Hurricane Expo June 1. He will address this at the May meeting.
- ❑ Patrick will order ARRL literature to distribute on Field Day.
- ❑ Ernie stated that while he and Patrick would remain club members, neither he nor Patrick would be serving on the board during 2014, and that we should begin immediately to start looking for replacements.
- ❑ Richard Sharp suggested to Mike that the blog name be changed from lakelandarc.blogspot.com to blog.lakelandarc.org. Bill and Mike will work together to make the change.
- ❑ Bill suggested that it would be prudent for more than one person to be involved in both the blog and website. Mike agreed. He suggested Tom (not present) for his backup, and Bill mentioned that he was actively pursuing two other members to get involved with the blog. Neither Mike nor Bill are planning to leave their responsibilities on either website or blog, however, both website and blog are club assets, and need to be preserved. Continuity suggests that we have a path for an orderly succession, and this should be the responsibility of the current managers of site and blog.
- ❑ There was some discussion of who hosts the site. This topic will be revisited at a later time.
- ❑ Bob submitted Fred's list of club property in his possession. Patrick will supply a list of club equipment at the repeater site. Bill and Bob will organize these lists and present them to the board at the June board meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Johnson KI4ZMV

Treasurers Report

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Bank Info. Balance on hand as of March 29 was \$ 3686.85. Previous balance on 2/28 was \$ 3613.70. Checks written were #1228 for 74.00 and #1229 for 17.10 both to Patrick for 15 meter bandpass filter for Field day and for 3 months' postage reimbursement for VE mailings Jan to March. Other withdrawals were charged against the club debit card, which is linked to the checking account, for 61.25 to Sunbiz to renew the annual business license, and 10.00 to Paypal for Fla Repeater Council annual dues. Also 2.00 for BBT monthly checking account activity fee. Two checks were written in April, not yet on the bank statement, #1230 to Charles Gribble for \$42.80 for nametags and #1231 to the US Postal Service for \$58.00 in April for the annual renewal for the Club PO Box 187 in Kathleen.

Deposits for the month of March totaled 237.50 consisting of (3/08) 212.50 for renewals for AK4ZC, KF5ORO, KD4MBH, W4JGC, W4VCO and a 100.00 donation to the club general fund from N4WSC, and finally (3/13) renewal from KI4EFL.

Renewals in April, not yet shown on the bank statement, are from KI4NBE and KJ4RNJ, KI4DNO and KJ4AYU, WZ1P and dues from new member Randy Wildman (K ____). Also, 3.00 collected from 2 members for equipment sale from K4BHE at the last club meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Foxworth, treasurer



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