

LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes
Board Meeting date
6/18/2013

The board of directors of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club had their monthly meeting at North Lakeland YMCA on 6/18/2013 at 18:30 hrs.

Members present were:

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

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Oliver, Al Sheppard, Tom Evans

Board Members, Officers Absent: John Thompson, Bob Siegel, Ren Monllor

Visitors in Attendance: Richard Kennedy, Don Jeerings, Fred Delaney

The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

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

- Fred K1DU reviewed the plan for field day, including the names of the lead persons. Highlights were:
 - Bill Busbin will bring his tri-band portable tower again this year.
 - Ernie will be the official greeter
 - We are expecting a camera crew from public broadcasting to visit.
 - We have batteries.
 - Rich Kennedy will supply a charger to top off the batteries prior to the opening of field day.
 - Chet will provide instruction on how to solder SO 239 connectors
- Patrick reviewed the provisions for this event.
 - We have secured a grill for cooking outside the pavilion.
 - Supplies not already on hand will be purchased Thursday of this week.
- Don KI4EFL discussed the details for the upcoming TARC event to be held later this year at the Strawberry Festival Grounds.
 - The club will have a free table to promote the club's activities.
 - No sales will be allowed at our table.
 - At some time in the future we must decide on the number of people we will need to staff our boot at this event.
- Don also mentioned the potential need for club involvement for testing and possibly training for groups at the Sun and Fun, and a local high school.

- Patrick announced that Sam Reck, N4PS, generously donated several pieces of radio equipment to the club. Bill KI4ZMV will post Sam's picture on the blog, and when available, post the donated equipment along with a suggested offer. All present signed a thank you card for Sam.
- Patrick brought before the board a suggestion that we discontinue the weekly net during the summer months, due to the lack of participation. After some discussion it was decided to do nothing for the present time. Patrick will discuss this matter further with Dan, who has been net controller for over four years.
- Al W4ZSC gave an update on the kit presentations scheduled for a future meeting. He reported that his regenerative 9-band receiver project was complete, as was Bill KI4ZMV's software defined radio kit. Rich Kennedy N4ESS added that he had four kits completed, and ready for demo by either himself or Peggy, N4PEG. Though not present, Al mentioned that Ansel's Rockmite was complete.
- Al mentioned that Mike Sinclair would be speaking locally and that he may have an opportunity to make a presentation to the group. All present were enthusiastic about this prospect, even if it a different venue or day of the week were necessary.
- Ernie KG4YNI noted that to date he had only 12 sign up for the Jimbo's dinner to be held at the July Club meeting.
- Patrick turned the meeting over to the committee investigating the club's seeking 501c3 status. Al was selected as spokesperson.
 - Our bylaws and or charter will need to be amended to reflect more of the charitable works we are already involved in. Al will present a rough draft of this at the next board meeting.
 - The committee will present the completed application to the board at the next board meeting.
 - Some discussion ensued. Bill KI4ZMV pointed out that there were two parts to the 501c3 status question. These are can we, and should we. The can we is doable, but the should we discussion could go on forever. It was agreed unanimously by the board that since we can, and since we have been discussing this for over a decade, and since we have the funds, and since we can not think of any down side to proceeding, that we should. It was agreed that the club will apply for 501c3 status.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Johnson KI4ZMV