

LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes
Board Meeting date
9/17/2013

The Board of Directors of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club had their monthly meeting at North Lakeland YMCA on 9/17/2013 at 18:30 hrs.

Members present were:

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

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

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

Visitors in Attendance: Richard Kennedy and Randy Wildman

The minutes of this meeting are as follows:

President Patrick O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

- ❑ The meeting began with a brief discussion on the date we should submit the club's application for 501-C-3-status. It was unanimous that we proceed immediately after a final review with the committee and Roger Shirko who has been advising us. Bill Johnson will arrange the meeting in a timely fashion.
- ❑ The club needs a replacement VE Team Leader. Rich Kennedy advised us that Peggy Lang would be willing to take on this responsibility. The vote to have Peggy become the next VE Coordinator was unanimous.
- ❑ Al Sheppard updated the group on the status of the nominating committee, including its members who are: Al, Peggy Lange, and Jeff Shuck. The ballot, so far, includes:
 - Rich Kennedy – President
 - Randy Wildman – Vice President
 - Bob Foxworth- Treasurer
 - Bill Johnson- Secretary
 - Al Shepherd – board member
 - Bob Siegel – board member
 - Mike Oliver – board member
- ❑ This leaves three board positions to be filled. The members of the nominating committee are actively pursuing candidates.

- ❑ The Lakeland Police Department will hold its Open House October 19, 2013. To date we have no one to staff this event. Several names were suggested, and Patrick will again ask for volunteers at the next meeting.
- ❑ Ernie Haynes has begun collecting for the Christmas Dinner to be held December 2nd, 2013. The price is the same as last year, \$9.00 per person. Several ladies will decorate for the event, and flowers will be purchased for the spouses, in recognition of their support.
- ❑ Kit presentations are scheduled for the October and November meetings. During the October meeting, Al, Bill, and Ren will present their projects. The following month the presenters will be Rich Kennedy, Peggy Lang, and Bob Siegel.
- ❑ Mike Cox, owner of Badge Plus, has passed on. His son Jason will keep the business going. The club sent its condolences.
- ❑ There was discussion about the membership card. Should we keep it, eliminate or change it? Several ideas were floated, but a decision was deferred for the time being.
- ❑ There was a brief discussion on club equipment. Patrick will send the equipment lists that he has to Bill, who will combine it with the list he has. It was made known that our repeater is not insured against loss. Patrick will investigate some options.
- ❑ Rich announced that Small Wonder Labs will change hands shortly. He will make an announcement at the next meeting.
- ❑ Ernie suggested that applications for membership be available at meetings for those who may wish to join after testing.
- ❑ There was a brief discussion on whether the club should purchase tickets in advance for the Tampa Bay Hamfest. No decision was made.
- ❑ There will be a picnic in November. The location is Lake Parker Park. The date is November 9th. During this event, there will be a demo of HF radio, APRS, an experimental microwatt transmitter, a Fox hunt, and of course, hamburgers and hot dogs.
- ❑ There was a brief discussion of alternate locations for field day. No decision was made. If a suitable location, with the comparable facilities, but not near a power substation could be found, it would be preferable to the current location. One of Lake Parker Park's pavilions was suggested. Rich will investigate feasibility, and report to the group.
- ❑ There was a short discussion on Tom Evan's digital course. Tom will make one last announcement at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson, Secretary

LARC Treasurer's Report

17 Sept 2013

Balance at BB&T as of 30 August was \$3,528.01

August checks were #1243 to Charley Gribble (KK4RAJ nametag) \$6.42. August monthly service charge was \$2.00

August deposits were on 8/16 for \$18.75 (dues from KG4DUF and KJ4IRN family member.) and 8/20 for \$3.75 (K14CDY) for returned water to Publix for refund (Field Day).

September checks written were #1244 to Charley Gribble for 9 nametags. W4ITA, Joe, Kent, KO4KO, Jim (2), W9JXZ, KG4DUF, KJ4IRN total \$57.78 and #1245 to USPS (Postmaster at 33849) for \$9.20 for stamps for mailing club paperwork such as copies of applications, membership cards etc.

Two new members: KK4TBJ Joe Duquette, 4074 Whistlewood Circle, 33811 and KK4RRW, Jack Bentley, 1001 Shadowbrook Dr N., 33813-4606 both Tech class. (Attn K14CRI)

Membership cards: as of today there are 63 blank ones on hand so I am going to order some new ones to go through the end of year renewal cycle. I think there 500 in the last order. I will leave the address off of the printed version, but will add it by rubber stamp as they are issued, in case the address changes. This should last several years. These cards are one-sided and all text based and do not show any design work.

Blank checks at BB&T There are appx. 70 on hand which show the printed address of the PO Box maintained by the previous Treasurer, which I modify by hand on each check I write as needed. This should last 2 to 3 years.

Respectfully Submitted Robert Foxworth Treasurer

