

Lakeland Amateur Radio Club
Board meeting May 19, 2015

Members Present were:

Officers: Rich Kennedy, Bill Johnson, Matthew Stevens

Board members: Chet Carruth, Stephanie Hildreth , Mike Oliver, Al Sheppard, Bob Siegel, Jeff Schuck, Jim Stewart, David Zdanowicz

Members absent: Bob Foxworth

The meeting began at 6:30 PM.

- Rich distributed an article on Ellen White, long time staff member at ARRL, and now retired. Ellen lives in Brandon. Rich contacted her, and she agreed to speak at our July meeting. Normally, the July meeting is a dinner to celebrate field day. The board agreed to push the dinner back one month, so that she could speak.
- Bill mentioned that it would be a nice gesture to thank her by taking her to dinner at some date after her presentation, accompanied by any club members who would like to attend.
- Rich added that he needed to get together with Ellen for a working meeting to discuss the details of her talk, and support her in any way we can. Rich mentioned pictures, and Bill volunteered to assist with incorporating them into her presentation.
- After Ellen mentioned to the current staff at the ARRL that she was invited to speak, they volunteered a door prize for the event.
- The winning ticket for the raffle was supposed to be drawn at the dinner. Instead, Ellen will draw the winning ticket at the end of her presentation.
- As a side note, Rich learned that because LARC is an ARRL member, we are allowed to publish any QST article on our website and BLOG, as long as we give credit to the ARRL.
- Bill agreed to publish an article on Ellen White for all of the members to read, prior to her talk.
- Rich will handle announcements to the media.
- There was discussion on the topic of books to raffle off for field day. Three books have been contributed by members to date. Also, Rich found two copies of Ellen

White's book on contesting, and will have her sign them. They will be included in the raffle.

- The Y has changed its policy. They now require a contract, and charge \$50 per meeting. As a result, the board will be looking for a new venue.
- Bill suggested that we contact church where we meet for general meetings. Al commented that the church was in financial trouble, up for sale, and that while the members would still meet, the location would not be the same. Al suggested that we let sleeping dogs lie.
- Bill then suggested we might ask where the congregation was going to meet, after the church is sold. (This was acted upon before the June general meeting.)
- The American Legion and Knight's of Columbus facilities were mentioned as possible locations. The EOC at the Lakeland Police Department was suggested, along with the Lakeland Linder Airport. Unfortunately, most of them either charge for their use, or don't allow extended bookings. There was discussion on creative financing to entice a private corporation to donate space, and the possibility of getting property from the city. Bottom line, there were no actionable items on any of these suggestions.
- Skype was suggested as option for board meetings. All board members have this capability.
- There was discussion of what we could afford to spend for meeting locations, and this lead the suggestion that we revisit the way we do our accounting. Spreadsheets and accounting programs were discussed as alternatives.
- Bob, though not present, supplied his finance report in advance. It is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

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Balance on hand at BBT, per bank statement, on April 30, 2015 was \$4393.93. Balance one month earlier, on March 31 was \$5291.77.

Checks out in April # 1276 on April 30 were \$12.84 to Bill Johnson for nametags and # 1277 to the Postal Service on April 23 for mail box renewal for the coming year. Also we had a debit of \$1000 for the Yaesu DR1 program which was paid by the club's debit card on April 29.

Deposits on May 5 were \$ 37.50 for dues from KJ4WFS and KM4CUI for renewal dues, \$25 for renewal dues from AF1RE and \$25 for new member dues from N2TE.

On May 4 at the club meeting we took in \$104 for the 50/50 drawing.

On May 15 we received \$200 from Richard Sharp for rebate on the Yaesu DR1 repeater program which was deposited that day.

New member is Ed Marchese N2TE, 5610 Greenway Circle, Lakeland 33805 who joined the club at the last meeting. N2te@yahoo.com

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Foxworth, Treasurer



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