

Lakeland Amateur Radio Club
Board meeting January 11, 2016

Members Present were:

Officers: Rich Kennedy, Matthew Stevens, Bill Johnson, Patrick O'Neal

Board members: Stephanie Hildreth, Al Sheppard, Bob Siegel, David Zdanowicz, Jim Stewart, Mike Oliver, Kevin Rought

Members absent: Jeff Schuck

Visitor: Peggy Lang, auditor

- ❑ Rich began the meeting with an announcement that the Yaesu Company donated 10 T-shirts to the club, each with the club's logo. The board decided that these would be offered as prizes in upcoming meetings. Motion carried.
- ❑ The club needs to decide how and when to dispose of the club's old repeaters. Time is of the essence. According to Richard Sharp, the longer they sit around, the less value they become. The board agreed to let Richard handle the sale with the approval of the board as to conditions and price.
- ❑ There was discussion regarding the current repeaters. It was suggested that, in addition to the Morse code, we might add a voice message. Other repeaters give time, temperature, and other information.
- ❑ Rich announced that the Coast Guard Auxiliary would speak at the February meeting. The topic is Coast Guard communications. The presenters for the March meeting will speak on the proper care and disposal of batteries.
- ❑ Rich mentioned that he and Peggy had visited Big Cypress Park in preparation for our club's trip there, to participate in NPOTA "National Parks On The Air." Each park sets its own rules. He will contact a park representative. The plan is to stay the evening in a remote area of the park, raise several antennas, and make contacts in modes, SSB and CW.
- ❑ Matthew announced that he had set the club up on Log Book Of The World, and that he will administer the club's account. A lengthy discussion on backing up the club files followed. Matthew will follow up with this, and present his solution some time in the future.
- ❑ Patrick gave the Treasure's report. This is attached. He announced that the treasury had five hundred dollars designated for Wounded Warriors. His question was how this money was to be disposed of. Rich replied that he has written the Wounded Warrior Foundation for some direction on how our donation can be noted in writing for the club's records.
- ❑ The subject of nametags was raised. In the future, family memberships will be offered a badge for each spouse, licensed or not, if they want one. They will also be given some leeway for what is on the badge. This will be handled on a one on

one basis. All licensed family members will receive a badge. The motion was made and passed.

- There was discussion concerning alternate locations for field day. No decision was made. Colt Creek State Park was proposed. A group of board members volunteered to visit the park to determine if it is suitable for future picnics and or field day. (This trip took place the following day, and while there were several pluses, there were serious negatives to this location. There is a park entrance fee, the park is quite a distance to travel for most club members, there is no facility for cleaning dishes after a meal, and perhaps most serious, the distance between the parking facilities and the pavilion is too great for a large number of the club members to walk easily.)
- Al suggested that TechSoup, a provider of software to non profits might be of interest to members of the group. This organization makes available software at large discounts for academic and non-profit organizations. If anyone has interest they should contact Al.
- Bill mentioned that he made several updates to the blog. These included adding emails for board members. In addition there were two updates to a section on the blog called EFAR under SIGARS.
- Patrick mentioned that the club was having its 40th year anniversary this year. Plans for celebrating this will be made.
- A club picnic is planned for April 2nd. The location will be Lake Parker Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson, Secretary



Finance Report December 1st to December 31st, 2015

Cash in Checking Account per Bank Statement December 1st, 2015 \$4,105.95

Add: Receipts

Account Title	Amount
Membership: Renewals	\$ 175.00
Membership: New Members	37.50
Exchange (Warrior Walk)	200.00
Christmas Party	65.00
Total Receipts	\$ 477.50

Total Beginning Bank Statement Balance and Receipts during Period \$4583.45

Less: Expenditures

Office Supplies (address stamp)	\$ 25.67
Total Expenditures	\$ 25.67

Cash in Checking Account on December 31st, 2015 \$4557.78


Patrick B. O'Neil
Treasurer
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