

Lakeland Amateur Radio Club  
Board meeting May 9, 2016

Members Present were:

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

Board members: Ernie Hanes, Mike Oliver, Kevin Rought, Al Sheppard, Bob Siegel, Jim Stewart, Jeff Shuck, David Zdanowicz

Absent Stephanie Hildreth

- ❑ Rich announced that a recent FCC ruling requires that applications for a license need only be kept for eighteen months. This is a consequence of the new requirement that candidates have an FRN number prior to testing. The club has eight years of data, over 300 applications, and there was discussion as to what we should do with this information. Rich agreed to scan the current applications, and convert them to a file that can be retrieved at a later time, before shredding the paperwork. The digital file will be stored on our Yahoo Group Site, for either board only, or general visibility.
- ❑ Bob Siegel gave an overview of his upcoming presentation on generators. The board agreed to continue having Bob as one of our representative to TARC's Hamfest.
- ❑ Matthew asked who keeps track of QSL cards from club-sponsored events. Rich pointed out that George Gafford has been doing this. Matthew suggested that we scan and archive all QSL cards in the future. He agreed to scan all new QSL cards from club events and put them on Yahoo Group.
- ❑ Matthew announced that there was a \$30 price increase on the shirts we ordered for the club, to pay for artwork changes. The board approved the increase in cost for the shirts.
- ❑ Matthew gave an update on his progress with the Florida State Parks On The Air. This will be a one-day event, which will take place the first Saturday of April. It will include all 172 Florida State Parks. Only electronic logging will be acceptable. This will be incorporated in a website, to support this event, now under construction, <http://www.FLSPOTA.org>.
- ❑ The board approved the use of the club's logo and sponsorship of FLSPOTA.
- ❑ Bill reported on tags that were ordered for new members.
- ❑ Jim asked about our progress in contacting the Lakeland Walk For Warriors representative so that we can give them our donation. Rich stated that his calls still have not been returned. There was some discussion on what to do with the moneys, and it was decided that since there were so few donors, it would be feasible for them to decide among themselves who should receive the proceeds, preferably some organization that supports veterans. Jim will investigate alternative recipients.

- Al suggested a speaker for a future club meeting who, though not involved with ham radio, would speak on topics of interest the club. Included in the possible topics are savants, upcoming medical advances, and Zika virus.
- Jeff asked if the ARRL had made any progress in its attempts to have a law passed to accommodate ham radio antennas in deed restricted communities. There was some discussion on the topic. The consensus was that even if legislation were passed, it would only be an opportunity to open a dialogue with the governing board for these communities as to what might be acceptable.
- Ernie asked if Richard Sharp could turn on the courtesy tone on our repeater. Rich Kennedy mentioned that he had checked into this earlier, and learned that our new repeater does not have this feature. Apparently, this was an oversight on Yaesu's part. There is hope that this will be corrected in future software updates.
- Mike Oliver pointed out that we need to update the repeater specs listed on the club's website. Rich promised to call Richard Sharp in the morning to resolve this.
- Patrick gave the Treasurer's report, and it was approved as read. He also mentioned that the cable and two filters that were requested by Fred for field day are in Fred's hands. Bill asked Patrick for a description of the items, so that he can add them to the clubs equipment inventory.
- Patrick will submit a budget for field day food shortly. It will be in line with what was spent last year.
- The field day raffle prizes this year will include both shirts and books. After discussion it was agreed that we purchase \$200 dollars worth of books. Al will purchase the books, suggested by the board members, through Amazon.
- Traditionally, we have a dinner the meeting following Field Day. Last year was an exception, because we were in transition to our new quarters. After discussion it was agreed that we have a post-field day dinner. Once again, Jimbo's will cater this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson Secretary



**Finance Report March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Cash in Checking Account per Bank Statement March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 \$5,824.65

**Add: Receipts**

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Membership: Renewals	\$ 225.00
Membership: New Members	100.00
Donations (YourCause, Etc.)	80.00

**Total Receipts** \$ 405.00

Total Beginning Bank Statement Balance and Receipts during Period \$6,229.65

**Less: Expenditures**

Club Event: Food and Supplies	\$ 98.63
Equipment: Radio	119.45

**Total Expenditures** \$ 218.08

Cash in Checking Account per Bank Statement April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 \$6,011.57

A handwritten signature in blue ink, "P.B.O.", is written over a red circular stamp. The stamp contains the text "LAKELAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" around the perimeter and "APR 29 2016" in the center.

Patrick B. O'Neil  
Treasurer  
Lakeland Amateur Radio Club

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