

Lakeland Amateur Radio Club
Board meeting July 11, 2016

Members Present were:

Officers: Matthew Stevens, Bill Johnson, and Patrick O'Neal

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

Members absent: Jeff Schuck, Stephanie Hildreth, and Ernie Hanes

Guest Don Jeerings

- Kevin requested help from club members with the LARC Hamfest scheduled for this month. He mentioned that we have the Warrior Walk on the same day, but we should have enough members to cover both events.
- Patrick gave the Treasurer's report. It was approved as read. His report is attached. Patrick raised the issue of venue for field day. Ideally we would like to have a location that was indoors with air conditioning. There was some discussion on the pros and cons of a joint field day event with another club.
- Bill posed the question, if we have a joint field day event with another club, would we be separate, or would we lose our identity?
- Matthew pointed out that while it may be possible to have two groups in the same facility, the question of station interference might make this impractical. This was a topic for discussion only. The club still plans to use the same facility we have used in the past for 2017.
- Al suggested that we might look into starting a club at the Polytechnic, with the thought that down the road they might make their facilities available to us for our field day.
- There was some discussion on the possibility of using portable air conditioners. These are mobile units that direct cold air in a given direction. Several would be required, one for each station.
- Matthew mentioned that Rich was looking into a voice board for our repeater. He also pointed out, that if we change our repeater to be full digital and analog, anyone using our repeater will have to add receive squelch to their radios to avoid hearing the digital signal on an analog rig.
- There was discussion of Echolink and what it would take to install it our repeater. Mike went over the details gleaned from a previous study done for this purpose.
- Bill pointed out Echolink does not require a radio. It is very flexible. Communication is possible from computer to computer, computer to repeater, and radio to repeater to Internet to repeater.
- There was discussion that Echolink capability on our repeater would encourage its use. At present, our repeater is very underused, with the exception of our Thursday night net.

- An alternative to setting up Echolink on our current repeater would be to set up an experimental Echolink station not collocated with it.
- Bob suggested that a backup station, to our repeater might be an advantage in an emergency.
- Al pointed out the importance of having backup for every club function. Even if we never have to implement a backup plan due to loss of a facility, it is good business practice to plan for such an eventuality.
- Matthew, among others, expressed a concern that our repeater is neither monitored nor used very much.
- Jim Stewart has access to radio facilities at the Lakeland Hospital. Bill offered to join him next time he visits.
- Bill offered to promote Echolink among club members, especially newer hams with only Tech licenses. He also stressed the need to better utilize our repeater with its current capability.
- Don gave an update on the upcoming TARC Hamfest at the Strawberry Festival Grounds. There will be a venue change, and different parking area. Volunteers will be appreciated. More information to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson, Secretary



Finance Report May 31st to June 30th, 2016

Cash in Checking Account per Bank Statement May 31st, 2016 \$5,877.53

Add: Receipts

Account Title	Amount
Membership: Renewals	\$ 50.00
Membership: New Members	50.00
Donations (YourCause, Etc.)	130.00

Total Receipts \$ 230.00

Total Beginning Bank Statement Balance and Receipts during Period \$6,107.53

Less: Expenditures

Exchange (Warrior Walk)	\$ 500.00
Tags & Plaques	84.00
Office Supplies (checks)	14.25
Field Day: Food & Supplies	294.86
Field Day: Gifts	104.20
Insurance: Liability	200.00

Total Expenditures \$1,197.31

Cash in Checking Account per Bank Statement June 30th, 2016 \$4,910.22

Patrick B. O'Neil
Treasurer
Lakeland Amateur Radio Club





Finance Report April 29th to May 31st, 2016

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

Add: Receipts

Account Title	Amount
Membership: Renewals	\$ 62.50
Membership: New Members	25.00
Donations (YourCause, Etc.)	68.50

Total Receipts \$ 156.00

Total Beginning Bank Statement Balance and Receipts during Period \$6,167.57

Less: Expenditures

Contribution (March for Babies)	\$ 75.00
Equipment: Radio	187.00
Office Supplies (printing)	28.04

Total Expenditures \$ 290.04

Cash in Checking Account per Bank Statement May 31st, 2016 \$5,877.53

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'P. B. O'Neil', is written over a red circular seal. The seal contains the text 'VERIFIED' at the top and 'AMERICAN' at the bottom, with a central emblem.

Patrick B. O'Neil
Treasurer
Lakeland Amateur Radio Club