



January 2023 Meeting Minutes/Secretary's Report

The meeting was held on Monday January 9th, 2023 at 1900 EST. Twelve members were needed to constitute a quorum and fourteen members were present.

Officers present were:

Bob Clarke - W4RWC (President)
Tom Rossi - KQ4CLQ (Vice-President)
Joe Halegua - KO4BAX (Secretary)
Lew Junk - KM4RLO (Treasurer)

Members present were:

Ken Peck - AE2KP
Greg Simmons - KD4NLT
Bill Stevens - KI4LAJ
Chris Petry - KM4PUR
Pertti Alapurainen - KX4PG
Dave Templeton - N4NG
Christopher Ersson - N4RRJ
Randy Richardson - W4RSR
Terry Redding - W6LMJ
Jerry White - WD4LIO
Reed Krenn - WW3A
Gerard Hickey - WT0F (new member)
Jim Cluck - KD4IWQ (new member)
Brad Taulbec - KD8AJG (new member)

The meeting is being held at the St. John's Lodge at 2557 N. Spring Garden Ave. in Deland. It is first meeting of the year and first at this location and first with the new Board of Directors.

Bob Clarke (W4RWC, President) calls the meeting to order at 1900. The pledge of allegiance followed.

Three new members to be voted on. Jim Cluck KO4IWQ, Phil Festia NQEDX, David Brinson K4IXL. Bob calls for acceptance. Passes unanimously. Welcome new members.

Bob calls for discussion on Winter Field Day. Ken Peck (AE2KP) mentions a request from DBARA to meet at Tony McGhee's (KT4WM) house. Porta potty rental would be necessary to use Tony's house. Cost of the porta potty was \$110 last year. The date is the last weekend in January.

Lew Junk (KM4RLO, Treasurer) calls for a vote to allot funds for the porta potty. Bob calls for votes in opposition. Ken clarifies that Tony volunteers his house pro bono. Greg Geist (N4ZZN) mentions the cost for food that is usually associated with the event and it is <\$100.

Terry Redding (W6LMJ) moves to schedule winter field day and allocate \$400 for costs. The motion passes.

Ken clarifies that DBARA is the Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Association. In the past the WFD has been a mix of WVARS, DBARA and others.

Ken volunteers to provide Bob contact information to DBARA. Bob agrees to ask DBARA to also contribute to the cost of the event.

Greg also mentioned that in the past people will volunteer cash at the event.

Lew needs amount needed for the event to be clarified and will make sure that the funds are available. The amount is \$400.

The WFD premise is questioned and explained amongst various members.

Reed Krenn (WW3A) mentions that FT8 and FT4 are not allowed. The website is www.winterfieldday.com. Several other sound card modes are allowed.

Bill Stephens (KI4LAJ) didn't receive an email invite and the website contact didn't work for him. We will get him added to the email list.

Bob calls for the Treasurer's report. Lew proceeds, the total amount is \$4495.25. Dues of \$150 and \$17 in donations. Service fees ?. Rent for the Lodge was deposited into the account as well. The report is posted to the website for review. Bob calls for report to be accepted and it is.

Bob calls for volunteers for the net control. We need more volunteers for 10 meter net at 8:15 and the 6m net right after around 8:30. Bob is encouraging more participation. General confusion about net control list. Bob is net manager.

Chris Petrea (KF4RGT) mentions that he used to run a list for 2m net control. Secretary (Joe Halegua, KO4BAX) will make up a list for net control sign ups. Chris Petrea volunteers to take net control for Wednesday's net. Tom wants to shadow because he is new and will feel more comfortable after having seen it done.

Bob calls for reports on the repeater. Ken Peck has an update. We've been waiting on Giles. They are back to a normal 3-week lead time for schedule. They will do an antenna replacement and bolt replacement. Reed clarifies that we have all the equipment that we need and are ready to schedule ASAP. The question is when? We will need manpower to haul antenna as it doesn't fit in the elevator.

Reed continues, the importance of scheduling. Frank Haas KB4T ARRL Coordinator for N FL.will be there to sweep. Reed will check with Frank to schedule around the first week of February. Then he will notify Ken. Ken will check with Giles at that point. Ken volunteers to take the day off.

Reed takes the floor. There are three phases: feed line and tower, duplexer and cabinet.

Duplexer has no documentation as it was old and donated. Ken recalls prior motion to just try duplexer and see how it goes.

Ken jokes that no one uses the repeater so no one will miss it if and when it needs to be taken down temporarily.

Ken thinks it makes more sense to take the duplexer out and get it worked on while everything else is being worked on. Some guys will tune it. Cabinet will be worked on in the meantime.

Ken and Reed are discussing the nature of the repeater work. The issue seems to be with the Duplexer and its settings. They are going over the equipment needed for the job. What we have and what we don't. Ken will bring the topic up via Email.

Reed clarifies that the reason for this work is that the antenna is out of band. Not the best setup. We have acquired a better antenna, just needs to be setup. Transmit and receive will then be on the same antenna. Improved coverage. May interfere with Jacksonville.

Ken clarifies that we will be billed by Giles.

Bob calls for a report from the testing manager. Dave clarifies that the next testing date will be the second Saturday in March. No testing has been done since last meeting.

Bob calls for any business. A member calls for further clarification of WFD. Chris clarifies that it is from 2pm Saturday 28th to 2pm Sunday 29th?

Randy Richardson (W4RSR) will bring a mast for WFD. There is also a club owned large mast.

Reed wants new members to be added to the email list. Ken informs me how to add emails to the master roster. Tom doesn't have access to the G Suite. We will get on that.

Brad Taulbec (KD8AJG), Gerard Hickey (WT0F) and Jim Cluck (KO4IWQ) are acknowledged and welcomed as new members.

Randy wants to make sure that there is an email sent out about WFD.

Chris mentions that in the past we've done tape measure yagis. No one wants to actually put the work in. Ken sums up previous WFD and suggests that workshops in the past have never really materialized. More success has been had with people swapping antennas and trying different rigs.

Tony McGees address is 1152 N Euclid Ave., Deland FL 32720 KT4WM, 386-589-4896.

Bob calls for 50/50 drawing. Total is \$11. Greg calls Ticket 929. Bob wins.

Jim Cluck wants to see if anyone knows about antenna height restrictions in Deltona. The county limit is 90'. We do not know the height limit for Deltona.

Bob waxes on double bazooka antennas and the wonders its done for his signal.

Bob calls for adjournment. Chris motions. Reed seconds. Meeting is adjourned.

After the meeting Gerard WTOP, a new member, expressed interest in presentations/programs during future meetings. He has volunteered his expertise in this regard. Secretary is intrigued and will start circulating a sign up sheet for presentations to be scheduled.

That is all.