



February2023 Meeting Minutes/Secretary's Report

The meeting was held on Monday February 13th, 2023 at 1900 EST. Twelve members were needed to constitute a quorum and X members were present.

Officers present were:

Bob W4RWC
Lew KM4RLO
Joe KO4BAX
Tom KQ4CLQ

Members present were:

Greg Geist N4ZZN
Ken Peck AE2KP
Reed Krenn WW3A
Terry Redding W6LMJ
Dave Templeton N4NG
David Sutherland N4GMU
Jim Reisen W4WJR
Gerard Hickey WT0F
Andy Sadlon WV4AS

The meeting was called to order at 7pm at the St. John's Lodge at 2557 N. Spring Garden Ave. in Deland.

Bob motions to approve the treasurer's report. Ken motions to approve, Dave T. seconds.

Bob calls for Reed to give an update on the WV4ARS repeater job.

Reed says everything went well. Informs the club of the substantial amount of work that was completed. Several improvements have been made to optimize repeater performance.

However, the job is not done. Giles missed our arrangement last Friday to finish the job. We are rescheduled for 2/20. Antenna is on the roof, but not on the tower. The repeater may come online as soon as Monday.

Tom Rossi is thanked for assistance and expertise shared during the repeater repair job.

Lew brings up the issue of Giles expectation of payment. He is not completely comfortable with the idea of signing the check and paying without further approval.. Ken mentions a previously approved motion to hire Giles and pay and sees no need to further approve payment. Lew wants someone else to sign check so that responsibility is split. Ken obliges.

Dave shares tip where, in the past, he takes a picture of the check and sends it to the treasurer. Include invoice and check number.

Bob brings up Tony McGhees charitable donation of his grounds for Winter Field Day and suggests that we should thank him somehow. It is suggested that Tony's dues be waived for this service. Terry suggests that in addition to waiving his dues, we also make a certificate of appreciation. It is generally agreed upon. Joe agrees to draft a letter of gratitude along with a certificate of appreciation.

Reed mentions someone on the net who asked about Deltona municipal code pertaining to tower height. Reed has done the research and wants the person to contact him via Email.

A guest Don KE5TUC has decided to join us at this meeting. Don has recently relocated from Lake Charles, LA. Now lives in Deltona. He wants to get involved. With him are his two daughters Diane and Donna, one of whom is a licensed ham. The group offers Don a warm welcome. Don is aware of our weekly nets and will do his best to participate in future nets.

Bob brings up the 2m net and the fact that it will have to be a simplex net due to the WV4ARS repeater being temporarily down. The net will be held on 147.315 simplex.. Ken brings up the need for Net Control needing to be a strong station near central Deland.

Ken volunteers to cover this week's net. Joe will cover 2/22. Tom will cover 3/1. Ken mentions that the 2/22 net control get on frequency and inform everyone whether or not we are back on the repeater or not before running the net.

Reed brings up the issue with Jacksonville repeater being on frequency with ours, sometimes interfering. Suggests PL tones as a potential solution.

Gerard Hickey WTOP is a new member. At the previous meeting he suggested the desire to present on a topic. He is now presenting on the topic of antenna launchers. Gerard brought several homebrewed antenna launchers. He brought a DJI Maverick drone and explained how he places antennas in trees using the drone and a special hook he designed.

Joe mentions the tower requisition project. Gerard, Ken, Terry and Joe volunteer. Joe will call and schedule a visit with woman with the tower in Holly Hill before organizing a party to go out and get it.

Ken requests that we include the topic of presentation on the reminder email before each meeting. Terry will present at March's meeting, topic is as of yet unconfirmed.

Bob calls for 5050 drawing. Jim W4WJR wins.

Bob Adjourns.