



May 2023 Meeting Minutes/Secretary's Report

The meeting was held on Monday May 8th, 2023 at 1900 EST. Twelve members were needed to constitute a quorum and 14 members were present.

Officers present were:

Joe KO4BAX
Lew KM4RLO
Bob W4RWC
Tom KQ4CLQ

Members present were:

Dave N4GMU
Terry W6LMJ
Greg N4ZZN
John KO4KVV
Randy W4RSR
Jim W4WJR
Ken AE2KP
Kelly KO4YLW
Dave N4NG
Gerard WT0F
Scott KN4EHC
Cully WW4OCF
Reed WW3A
David WW4GPL

Visitors present were:

Wally KG4LAL

Don K3RLL
Allan N0KFO

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Cully WW40CF is recognized and voted in as a new member.

Secretary reports on need for volunteers for upcoming net control and monthly presentations.
Note: Nobody signs up.

Treasurer report is good. Treasurer recognizes KN4EHC for his service to the club in helping with the repeater project. The club votes to waive his membership dues for the year and to refund him the balance.

Bob calls on the repeater committee. WW3A updates the club on the repeater project. The duplexer has returned, there's a new antenna installed, feed line was donated by KB4T and FPL. N2MD and KQ4R repaired the duplexer for the club at no charge. After all, the repeater still needed repairs. It was sent in to Bridgcomm. LARA and KN4EHC allowed us to borrow a Yaesu repeater in the meantime. Reed notes that the Bridgcomm repeater is out of service age and suggests that we start thinking about purchasing a new repeater machine. Reed thanks several members who contributed to the process.

WW3A announces his wish to step down as chair of the repeater committee. In doing so, he nominates Scott KN4EHC for the position. Scott accepts the nomination as head of the repeater committee. He mentions that work doesn't always allow for him to be present for things, but that he is very active by phone, DMR and email.

It is noted that the repeater now requires a tone of 103.5mHz to encode transmissions, it can also be set to decode, but is not necessary.

WW3A suggests that the club officers compose an official letter of thanks to LARA for the use of their repeater.

Dave Templeton announces that he has 3 tests scheduled for this Saturday. Our own Tom KQ4CLQ will test for his General class license.

Lew brings up the issue of ARRL insurance. The renewal comes up in June. Discussion is had, Lew needs an equipment list. It will be provided to him. Scott wants to increase the coverage of our equipment due to the value of the equipment having gone up. Greg mentions the antenna and tower as insurable goods as well.

KO4BAX brings up the topic of club communications and the attempt to improve on them. There have been two new modes of communication introduced to the club recently: Groups.io and Telegram. He encourages members to try and use them if they haven't already.

W6LMJ asks what the official mode of communication is for the club. KO4BAX reluctantly says that email and Facebook are the official modes. W6LMJ warns of the hazards of having too many options.

AE2KP encourages club officership to clearly outline how the club will be communicating and through what channels. He mentions that it doesn't matter how many modes of communication there are, as long as the same message is sent along all of them at the same time.

WW3A, N4NG and W6LMJ express that they enjoy Groups.io in general, but that we may need to tweek how the WVARs groups.io is run.

AE2KP gives a presentation on "Parks on the Air".

50/50 raffle is drawn. Jim W4WJR is the winner.

Meeting is adjourned.

Lew says he'll reach out to Tony to check in on whether his yard is available for club usage during Summer Field Day