



December 2023 Meeting Minutes/Secretary's Report

The meeting was held on Monday December 11th, 2023 at 1900 EST. Thirteen members were needed to constitute a quorum.

Officers present were:

Tom KQ4CLQ
Lew KM4RLO
Bob W4RWC
Joe KO4BAX

Members present were:

Gerard WT0F
Kritter KQ4INM
Jim W4WJR
James KO4IWQ
Dave N4NG
Greg N4ZZN
Joe N9CLD
Cully WW4OCF
KZ4BY
Kelly KO4YLW
Steve KO4ZKR
Fred W4FVC

Guests Present:

Jeff KM4BNS
Chuck AC4AL

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

KO4BAX gives the secretary's report. KM4RLO gives the Treasurer's report. Both reports are accepted.

N9CLD shares that the November Secretary report was not posted to the website. KO4BAX will correct that.

N9CLD shares his net report. He shares that there have been 5 nets since the last meeting. There were 56 check-ins over the course of 2.5 hours, with no traffic. He says that the nets have improved as far as being conducted in a slower more deliberate fashion. Less doubling.

N4NG reports on testing. He is preparing the tests for 2024.

KM4RLO presents the membership application of Desiree Templeton KF4LRN. Her application is approved and she is voted in as a new member.

KM4RLO wants to clarify the clubs policy on granting 1 year of free membership to new members that pass their license test with our club. It is determined that the by-laws are somewhat unclear. The 1 year can either be applied to the first full year of membership OR to the prorated membership dues of the existing year.

KM4RLO informs the club that he is removing members who have not paid dues for this year from the 2024 Club Roster.

KM4RLO informs the club that given that there is only one candidate for each officer position up for election, these candidates need only receive a single vote of acceptance and will then be considered voted in. Before this, he wants to clarify that the clubs by-laws say nothing about officer's being allowed to attend official club meetings remotely (i.e. Zoom, Teams).

N4NG clarifies that since there is nothing mentioned in the by-laws there is nothing preventing officers from attending meetings remotely. It is understood that appearing remotely is acceptable for officers.

W4FVC votes to accept the new officers and so:

Thomas Rossi KQ4CLQ is voted in as Club President. Scott Penton KN4EHC is voted in as Club Vice President. Lew Junk KM4RLO is voted in as Club Treasurer. Christopher Ersson N4RRJ is voted in as Club Secretary. Congratulations!

Tom, now acting as Club President, calls for new business and club suggestions.

KQ4INM suggests that there should be a more forward facing element of the club. More public demonstrations and appearances.

AC4AL shares some experience from other clubs he's belonged to:

- Jamboree on the Air
- Schools on the Air
- Scouts on the Air
- Middle School elective class on Ham Radio.

KQ4INM suggests we put together a tent for the Volusia County Fair.

N9CLD suggests having our club speakers give presentations at other club's meetings.

W4RWC shares his concerns regarding the HF nets, which have been exceptionally quiet.

W4WJR mentions confusion surrounding the starting time being an issue. KO4BAX agrees.

Several members suggest changing the HF nets starting time to 2000hrs.

KO4BAX asks for clarification regarding committee chairs holding over to 2024. KQ4CLQ suggests that they do not. He will address this at January's meeting.

KQ4CLQ reminds of Winter Field Day which is coming up on January 27-28th, 2024. KT4WM will head up the Field Day committee. After some discussion it is suggested by KQ4CLQ that \$300 should cover WFD's total budget. It is moved and carried.

KO4BAX has the club's mast, antenna and other gear for WFD. Tom will take it off of Joe's hands.

N9CLD mentions that the website could use better updating by a member who more regularly attends meetings. It is brought to the clubs attention that the current website admin Ken Peck has been helpful with the website and intends to return to club meetings with regularity in 2024.

N9CLD says that several members have worked on updating the net script. He is pleased and will help clean it up further.

KM4BNS introduces himself as a guest who is interested in the club. We wish him a warm welcome.

N4ZZN calls the 50/50 raffle. KM4BNS wins a ARRL Guidebook. W4FVC wins \$20.50. \$20.50 is also granted to the club treasury.

The meeting is adjourned at 1944hrs.