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Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2014
2001 Cantu Court, Sarasota, FL 34232

- I. Call To Order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Bill Franklin, K4FLV @ 7:00 PM
- II. Roll Call of Members Present**
 - a. Guests
 - i. Tom McDermitt, W3GXB
 - ii. Stan Robinson, W9SMR
 - b. Members – See Attached sign-in sheet
- III. Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Meeting minutes as posted on the web site were approved
- IV. Announcements**
 - a. Wed night net, every Wednesday at 7:00 PM
 - b. Sarasota Half-Marathon – Laura Conrad, KJ4IJV – Scheduled for 3/16/14
 - c. SWFL Tour de Cure – Bill Franklin, K4FLV – Scheduled for 3/30/14
 - d. VE Session – Den Spies, W2DEN – Scheduled for 3/29/14 @ 9:00 AM at Sarasota Red Cross
- V. Officer's Report**
 - a. Secretary
 - i. Mailed 3 membership renewal notices in February
 - ii. Received 4 individual and 1 family renewals and 1 new member dues
 - iii. Dave Merullo, W3DJM, motioned to accept last month's minutes, Bill Martin seconded the motion, and the membership voted to accept.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Provided current bank account levels
 - ii. Parts expenditures in the past month
 - iii. Bill Franklin, K4FLV motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Dave Merullo seconded the motion, and the membership voted to accept.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Technical**
 - i. 146.73 repeater
 1. Repeater has been working well
 - ii. 145.13 repeater
 1. Successfully completed the move of the repeater from old broadcast equipment building to the new shelter.
 2. Eddie Palmer, K4JP reported problems with the power supply generating a hum in the shelter. Possibly due to high heating or fan vibrations
 - iii. 147.39 repeater



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1. Repeater has been working well
- iv. WinLink 2000
 1. Still need TNC
- v. IRLP (145.13 Repeater)
 1. Need a shielded cable to go from broadcast building to our new shelter in order to bring Internet to the new shelter
 2. Dick Hullfish, KI4EFJ to order the IRLP system controller and internet interface
 3. Bill Martin, K4JBV as the Trustee to apply for the IRLP node allocation

VII. Old Business

- a. Grant for Palmetto
 - i. Eddie Palmer, KI4EFJ and Bill Martin, K4JBV completed the inventory
 - ii. Agreed to keep project on hold for now
- b. FastScan TV license has been renewed
- c. Bill Martin, K4JBV sold old repeater equipment at the Orlando Hamcation event
- d. Dave Merullo, W3DJM inquired about the current ideas for a demonstration day / open house / Elmer day. Den Spiess, W2DEN reminded all present that the ARRL 2014 Field Day was only two months away and that we can use that for educating the public.

VIII. New Business

- a. Bill Martin, K4JBV asked to purchase a new controller for the 146.73 repeater. It will link the UHF repeaters and the VHF repeaters. But only one at a time.
 - i. Preferred connection is between the 146.73 and the 145.13 repeaters via UHF
 - ii. Can also link repeaters via VHF and 220
 - iii. Will have weather capabilities and remote shutoff
- b. Bill Martin, K4JBV and Eddie Palmer, KI4EFJ to pull out the best items for sale and work with Den Spiess, W2DEN to sell them on EBay.
- c. Rich Hillyer, K9RWH made a motion to authorize Bill Martin, K4JBV to cull equipment for sale in order to generate revenue to pay for the balance of the controller cost and for Bill Martin, K4JBV to retain the monies from the previous equipment sales. Mike Lechky, W0MJL seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership present.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Al Powell, KI4YEH, motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Bill Martin, K4JBV and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.