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Meeting Minutes – April 7, 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. Rich Tokarz, NOZLY
 - ii. Gil Gruson, AK4YH
 - 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. Florida QSO Party at the Red Cross – Den Spiess, W2DEN
 - i. 4/26 12 PM - 10 PM
 - ii. 4/27 8 AM - 6 PM
 - iii. 4/26 Open to public 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- V. Officer's Report**
 - a. Secretary
 - i. Mailed 17 membership renewal notices in March
 - ii. Received 4 individual and 0 family renewals and 3 new member dues
 - iii. Dave Merullo, W3DJM, motioned to accept last month's minutes, Harold Engelke, W2IBM, seconded the motion, and the membership voted to accept.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Current bank balance: \$1,171.22 as of 2/28/14
 - ii. Dick Hullfish, KI4EFJ, Treasurer, not in attendance.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. Technical
 - i. 146.73 repeater
 1. Repeater has been working well.
 2. Dave Merullo, W3DJM, & Den Spiess, W2DEN, advised that Bill Martin, K4JBV, has sold off enough surplus equipment that we are very close to funding the purchasing the new controller unit.
 - ii. 145.13 repeater
 1. Repeater has been working well.
 - iii. 147.39 repeater
 1. Dave Beasley, W4MYK, reported some issues with the repeater's performance over this past week.
 - iv. WinLink 2000



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1. Still need TNC
- v. IRLP (145.13 Repeater)
 1. Bill Franklin purchased the shielded cable to go from the 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. 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
 - iv. 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.
 - v. 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.

VIII. New Business

- a. VE Report – Den
 - i. 2 new candidates tested for Technician, however, only one passed and he went on to also pass the General exam in the same session.
 - ii. Annette Spiess, W2RDX, passed her General license exam.
- b. Tour de Cure – Bill Franklin, K4FLV
 - i. Organizers were very happy with SERC's performance and invited us to participate in the event next year.
 - ii. NI4CE invited us to use their repeater again next year.
- c. Sarasota Half-Marathon – Den Spiess, W2DEN
 - i. Organizers were very happy with SERC's performance and have asked us to participate next year.
 - ii. Turner Key Activation proposed for some time in late July.
- d. Den Spiess, W2DEN, has added a, "For Sale," page to the web site. Members are encouraged to email him with any information on equipment they would like to sell and he'll post it to the web page.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Bill Franklin, K4FLV, motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Harold Engelke, W2IBM, and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.