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**Meeting Minutes – May 5, 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. Sam Chattaway, KJ4WON
    - ii. Jean Tripani
  - 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. FEMA Mitigation Seminar
  - c. 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.
  - d. Ed Allen (WA4ISB) Thursday, 5/8, Society of Broadcast Engineers will hold a meeting at the American Tower site where the NI4CE station is located in Riverview. Free BBQ at 11:30 with the meeting starting at Noon. [www.sbe39.com](http://www.sbe39.com) or [www.ni4ce.org](http://www.ni4ce.org)  
rsvp@sbe39.com
  - e.
- V. Officer's Report**
  - a. Secretary
    - i. Mailed 17 membership renewal notices in March
    - ii. Received individual and 0 family renewals and 3 new member dues
    - iii. Eddie, motioned to accept last month's minutes, Dave Merullo, seconded the motion, and the membership voted to accept.
  - b. Treasurer
    - i. Current bank balance: \$600.22 + \$235 new fees as of 4/30/14
    - ii. Dick Hullfish, KI4EFJ, Treasurer, not in attendance.
    - iii. Paid off IRLP and new lighting arrestors for the Laural Repeater
- VI. Committee Reports**
  - a. Technical
    - i. 146.73 repeater
      1. Repeater has been working well.
    - ii. 145.13 repeater
      1. Lightning / surge arrestors are being replaced due to incompatibility with the CAT-5 data cables from the broadcast building over to the transmitter shelter.
      2. Internet connectivity is live.



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3. Still need a hookup from the IRLP to the GE Master III in order to be processed digitally vs. analog.
  4. Bill to assist Eddie in finding the GE Master III manual
  5. Need to replace the A/C filters 20"x30"x1" and perform diagnostic maintenance on one of the units which is currently non-functional.
- iii. 147.39 repeater
    1. Eddie replaced a few capacitors
  - iv. WinLink 2000
    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 \$600
    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
  - iii. Eddie reported that Chris @ Clear Channel is incorrect: there is no 1-5/8" coax present nor is there an antenna. Eddie to meet Chris on site at some point in the future.
- b. Den gave an update on how the Florida QSO Party
  - i. Stan Robinson, W9SMR, gave a great demo of digital radio
  - ii. Gil set up a QRP station on a sling shot wire antenna outside
  - iii. George set up a SOTA (Summit) station
  - iv. About 10 – 12 people showed up.
  - v.

## VIII. New Business

- a. Turner Key Activation proposed for some time in late July.
- b. Snake Island Activation on tap for this year
- c. June 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> ARRL Field Day
  - i. Den said we will be a 2F
  - ii. Working on setting up a GOTA station
- d. Carolina Windom needs to be worked on as it is not functional 100%
- e. Den advised that there is a new page on the web site for equipment that the Club needs
  - i. Need \$500 to build a Triplexor
- f. Den has ordered the parts for an audio connection

## IX. Adjournment

- a. Bill Martin, K4FLV, motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Den, W2IBM, and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.