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Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2014
2001 Cantu Court, Sarasota, FL 34232

- I. Call To Order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Bill Franklin, K4FLV @ 7:01 PM
- II. Roll Call of Members Present**
 - a. Guests – Jim Art, KK4UED
 - 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. 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.
 - c. Bill F. discussed Whiskey Island event. Lots of thunder storm activity but did not impact radio work. On air by 9:30. Great contacts with lots of folks stacked up. 80+ contacts before noon. Band closed up. California, Canada, Cuba, etc... Pics on web site.
 - d. Suncoaster Meeting this Saturday @ 10 AM at Fire House #1, 4th street & lemon. www.suncoastamateurradiosociety.com. No dues, or anything special just a bunch of H AM who want to learn more about Amateur Radio.
 - e. Bill F. was contacted by Ron Wedjen and K4BOB to discuss an idea to connect all of SRQ county via a MESH system. Node antenna on Red Cross tower which would allow the Red Cross to talk to the County and all of the County. Operate under Part 97 Rules.
 - f. Ed & Bill F discussed someone who is planning on donating several repeaters to the club. Appear to be crystal controlled.
 - g. John W4L reported there were 21 check-ins last week, including a check-in via Echo Link. Can check in via 223.600 simplex.
- V. Officer’s Report**
 - a. Secretary
 - i. Received the following:
 1. Family Renewals = 1
 2. Individual Renewals = 5
 3. New Individual Memebers = 1
 - ii. Mike, motioned to accept last month’s minutes, Lou Lebron, WA2COP, seconded the motion, and the membership voted to accept.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Dick Hullfish, KI4EFJ, Treasurer, \$960.27 as of tonight
 - ii. No bills outstanding. Bill Martin used CC.
 - iii. Ed motioned
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. Technical



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- i. 146.73 repeater
 1. Bill Martin, K4JBV, reported possible damage from a lighting strike. Pre-amp transistor appears to be the problem.
 2. The controller is not turning on and off the weather radio. May be due to a bad IC switch. Will try to bypass.
- ii. 145.13 / 444.700 repeater
 1. Bill Martin, K4JBV, advised that the transistor beeper switch had shorted out. Bill replaced the board and has repaired the damage.
 2. Repeater is working well now.
 3. Bill & Dick to install new UHF controller
- iii. 147.39 repeater
 1. Bill Martin, K4JBV, reported that the repeater is working well.
- iv. WinLink 2000
 1. Still need TNC
- v. IRLP (145.13 Repeater)
 1. Waiting for the tower owner's 3rd party to assign ports in their internet router at the tower site in order to pass SERC's IRLP traffic.

VII. Old Business

- a. Grant for Palmetto
 - i. Agreed to keep project on hold for now
 - ii. 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. Whiskey Key Activation proposed for July 19th. The name has been formally changed from Turner Key to Whiskey Key by US Islands & Awards. Set for 7/26. May try to engage the local Power Squadron to help with boat transportation to and from the island and use it to get several of them involved in HAM. Bill has two boats lined up .
- c. Snake Island activation on tap for later this year
- d. Carolina Windom needs to be worked on as it is not functional 100%
- e. Den Spies, W2DEN, has advised that the Red Cross is desperately looking for formal Red Cross volunteers who are HAM operators. Contact Den.
- f. International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend is August 16th & 17th.
- g. Eggmont Key activation is a possibility, but it is expensive to carry out.
- h.

VIII. New Business

- a. Bill Martin to prepare presentation on how the controllers work and have a discussion on who will have the codes.
- b. Tom Profant's repeaters 3 of them in Sarasota, Bradenton, & Murdoch has retired up North. Repeaters belong to FPL. Can link 35 channels on both UHF & VHF to SERC's repeaters if needed by the Red Cross.
- c. John Foltz offered to donate a SignalLink TNC to the club.
- d. Bill Martin asked how much it would cost to insure the antennas and coax through ARRL in the event of a major lightning.
- e. Dick advised that we'll need to buy a new power supply for \$130 for .130 repeater.
- f. Den advised that we'll need \$150 for the TNC for WinLink 2000.



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- g. IOTA is 7/26. Den advised that no one activated NA069 Boca Grande Island Group down to Naples in 2013.
- h. Bill Franklin introduced Dominic KJ4VXJ who fixed the AC units. Bill M made motion. Den 2nd.
- i. Den asked about setting up a page to recognize those who have donated time, money, or equipment.
- j. Bill Frank has a neighbor with several towers and laptops with XP.
- k. Bill Frank has received a nice letter from Tour de Cure and asked Bill F. to participate in their emergency communications planning.
- l. Bill Frank mentioned Craig Clarke, KI4SNR, is old and needs help with maintenance on his home antennas. Bill Frank & Dick will work to help him.
- m. Den gave a report on how well Field Day went.
- n. Susan discussed Motorola DMR Turbo system
- o. Jim Broom donated a pre-amp that has 6dB gain over the previous one that was installed.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Ed, motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Lou and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.