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Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2015
2001 Cantu Court, Sarasota, FL 34232

- I. Call To Order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Bill Franklin, K4FLV @ 7:03 PM
- II. Roll Call of Members Present**
 - a. Guests
 - i. None
 - b. Members – See Attached sign-in sheet
- III. Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Meeting minutes as posted on the web site were approved
 - b. Harold Engelke, W2IBM, motioned to accept the minutes, Den Spiess, W2DEN, seconded the motion, and was passed unanimously by the membership.
- IV. Announcements**
 - a. Wednesday SERC Net
 - b. Ed Allen, WA4ISB, discussed digital NXDN, equipment offered by iCOM (IDAS) and Kenwood (NEXEDGE), and advised that the N14CE system has a NXDN system on the Riverview tower and will be adding a NXDN on the Verna Big Stick.
 - i. www.nxdninfo.com
 - c. Brent Parker, W8XG, who just rejoined SERC, is an original board of director member from back in 1976.
- V. Officer's Report**
 - a. Secretary
 - i. Received the following:
 1. Family Renewals = 0
 2. Individual Renewals = 4
 3. New Individual Members = 1
 - ii. Filed the Corporate Annual Report with the Florida Secretary of State
 - iii. Filed the 2014 IRS Form 990
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Dick Hullfish, K14EFJ, Treasurer, reported the bank balance as of tonight
 - ii. Ed Allen, WA4ISB, motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Bill Martin, K4JBV, seconded the motion and the membership voted to accept.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Technical**
 - i. 146.73 Repeater
 1. Working fine
 - ii. 145.13 / 444.700 Repeater
 1. Working fine
 - iii. 147.39 Repeater
 1. Working fine
 - iv. WinLink 2000



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1. Den Spiess, W2DEN, reported that WinLink is up and running.
2. The TNC is fully funded and he and Bill Martin, K4JBV, install the DigiPeater.
3. Advised that there is a WinLink running out of North Port and the Power Squadron. Power Squadron has an HF and has added a VHF capability.
- 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.
 2. Dick Hullfish advised that it is down and the equipment will need to be sent out for repair at a shop in Canada. ETA is 2 – 3 weeks.
- vi. EchoLink is still down
 1. Bill's radio doesn't have enough gain to push enough audio back to the radio to go over the Internet.
 2. Bill will need to build a pre-amplifier.

VII. Old Business

- a. Eddie Palmer, K4JP, needs contact info for Chris @ Clear Channel.
- b. Nicky Taylor, KM4BHF, advised that her brother is a Kenwood rep and is offering a Motorola DMR radio to SERC as a donation.
 - i. Bill Martin to contact Nicky's brother to learn about the radio and make
- c. Ham Fest Orlando is scheduled for 2/14/15.
- d. Island Activation
 - i. Snake and/or Whiskey Keys.
 - ii. Tentatively scheduled for 2/28/15
 - iii. Bill Franklin, K4FLV, will research opportunities with US Islands
- e. Den Spiess, W2DEN, is offering a VE session on 2/21/15, 9AM – 12PM
 - i. Bill Martin and Jim Briggs can attend
 - ii. All license categories will be offered for testing.
- f. K1N Navassasa
 - i. Island south of Cuba and nobody has been on the island for over 20 years due to environmental issues.
 - ii. Check the SERC website for the official dates

VIII. New Business

- a. Rich Hillyer, K9RWH, needs to update the ARRL filings and status via the WCF section forms.
- b. Rich Hillyer, K9RWH, needs to check on status of SERC insurance policy
- c. Ed Allen, WA4ISB, advised that Clear Channel has sold all of their towers nationwide to Vertical Bridge
- d. Red Cross Committee
 - i. Bill Franklin, K4FLV, put forth that SERC establish an official committee to liaison directly with the Red Cross
 1. Harold Engelke, W2IBM, motioned to accept the creation of the Red Cross liaison committee, Nicky Taylor, KM4BHF, seconded the motion.
 - ii. Bill Franklin, K4FLV, put forth that Den Spies, W2DEN, preside over the Red Cross Committee. Doug Reynolds, KI4RHU, Nicky Taylor, KM4BHF, Rich Hillyer, K9RWH, and Harold, K2IBM, will serve as members.



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- iii. Den Spiess, W2DEN, will formally notify Red Cross that he is the single point of contact with SERC and will coordinate SERC's support of the Red Cross.
- e. Ed Allen, WA4ISB, advised that iCOM offers special pricing to 501(c)(3) organizations.
- f. Ed Allen, WA4ISB, will present a tutorial on high powered transmitters, VQRO 40kW – 600kW transmitter at the April meeting.
- g. Stan Robinson, W9SMR, advised that he will be activating Gasparilla Island on 2/9, starting at 7:45 AM – 6:00 PM, at the Boca Grande Lighthouse under W9SMR/4 callsign. SSB & PSK31
- h. Den Spiess, W2DEN, advised that the Sarasota ½ Marathon will be March 15th.
 - i. Volunteers should email Laura Conrad: conradlauraa@gmail.com
 - ii. 9 people offered to help
- i. Bill Franklin, K4FLV, said that Tour de Cure has formally requested our help.
 - i. Scheduled for 4/12.

IX. Adjournment

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