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**Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2015**  
**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. Jim, WD8JCI
    - ii. Bill K9HXO
  - 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. Eddie Palmer, motioned to accept the minutes, Doug Reynolds, seconded the motion, and was passed unanimously by the membership.
- IV. Announcements**
  - a.
  - b.
- V. Officer's Report**
  - a. Secretary
    - i. Received the following:
      1. Family Renewals = 2
      2. Individual Renewals = 7
      3. New Individual Members = 1
    - ii. Working with insurance company to renew SERC's insurance policy.
      1. Will need detailed inventory of radio equipment and other assets
  - b. Treasurer
    - i. Dick authorized to find a new bank
- VI. Committee Reports**
  - a. **Technical**
    - i. 146.73 Repeater (Comcast Tower on Fruitville Road, West of I-75, Sarasota)
      1. No issues
    - ii. 145.13 / 444.700 Repeater (Vertical Bridge Tower on US-41, Venice)
      1. No issues
    - iii. 147.39 Repeater (Crown Tower on Fruitville Road, East of I-75, Sarasota)
      1. No issues
    - iv. WinLink 2000
      1. No issues
    - v. IRLP (145.13 Repeater)
      1. Dick reported that the IRLP controller has been received but not yet installed on the .13 repeater.
      2. Eddie & Bill F to work together to get the IRLP talking with the GE repeater controller.



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3. Still need someone who is knowledgeable about working with routers and ports. It is a commercial grade Cisco router. Doug Reynolds advised that Cox may need to have their corporate IT administrator to login to the router and write the commands necessary.
- vi. EchoLink is still down
  1. Bill Martin's radio doesn't have enough gain to push enough audio back to the radio to go over the Internet.
  2. Bill Martin, K4JBV will need to build a pre-amplifier.
- b. Red Cross
  - i. Lakewood Ranch tower needs work; specifically the 6m antenna.
  - ii. Lakewood Ranch 2m 440 antenna that needs coax
  - iii. Lakewood Ranch 800 MHz slots are ok, but there's no money to convert over to P25 standards according to the Red Cross.

## VII. Old Business

- a. Eddie Palmer, K4JP, needs contact info for Chris @ Clear Channel.
- b. Vertical Bridge now owns the tower for the Laurel .13 repeater site Bill Martin, K4JBV, has agreement for tower space but not the shelter we currently occupy.
- c. Rich Hillyer, K9RWH, advised there are adverse proceedings that may affect the Shannon Road site.
  - i. Rich to provide contact info for the .39 repeater site
- d. Doug Reynolds, KI4RHU, Cub Scout Day Camp needing someone to provide a HAM presentation on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Only needs to be 30 min to an hour long.
- e.

## VIII. New Business

- a. Den Spiess, W2DEN, advised Annette Spiess, N2RDX, passed her extra in first try. One other new ham went from nothing to extra in one evening.
- b. Bill Martin advised Micky Taylor's brother is sending the Motorola DMR repeater which should arrive this week. It will need to be burned in for a few days. It will then be switched out for the old existing GE repeater at the .13 site. DMR needs the internet connection which will need the COX IT department to open 4 ports (2 each for IRLP & DMR).
- c. Nicky Taylor has offered to help organize technical interest topics at the end of meetings or to set up a recurring interest net. She is soliciting ideas for topics.
  - i. Den Spiess, W2DEN, suggested packet radios
  - ii. Doug Reynolds, KI4RHU, suggested MESH networks
- d. Micky Taylor, KM4BHF, suggested that more members should feel compelled to join American Red Cross or assist the next generation of new amateur radio operators. Suggested that SERC have a more active training / orientation regimen to attract, train, and equip new operators. Better outreach to the new operator community.
  - i. Bill Franklin suggested that the topic be selected and posted on the web site and then anyone who is interested can show up 30 minutes ahead of time to be trained on the topic for the month.
- e. Den Spiess, W2DEN, suggested that the membership should bring up topics in one meeting that could be researched and a presentation put on after a subsequent meeting



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- f. Annette Spiess, N2RDX, won a prize at the Dayton Ham Fest of 1,000 QSO cards which will be made with the N4SER general information on one side and the QSO contact blank fields.
  - g. Bill Franklin announced Eddie & Den seconded to accept resignation
  - h. Bill Franklin opened the floor for new Secretary nominations
    - i. Billy Reynolds, KJ4TNN nominated Duog Reynolds. Bill Martin seconded the motion
    - ii. Membership present voted unanimously to accept Doug Reynolds as Secretary
- IX. Adjournment**
- a. Den, motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Doug, and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.