



Minutes From SERC Meeting 11/2/15

The meeting was called to order by our president Bill Franklin K4FLV at 7 pm. There were 26 people in attendance.

Members introduced themselves and we had 1 new person at the meeting. Guy Spenser had just passed his technician and general class license exam last Saturday at the club sponsored test session. Congratulations Guy great job!! He will be looking for his new call letters.

Geoff Haines N1GY ARRL Section Coordinator also attended our meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as they appeared on the club web page.

The Treasures report was given by our treasurer Dick Hulfish KI4EFJ.

The Technical committee K4JBV reported that all of our four repeaters were working ok.

Den W2DEN advised us that the past Saturdays test session was very successful with 9 people testing. We had 8 new technician, 1 general upgrade and 1 extra class upgrade.

There was some discussion about a dry run simulated emergency test before the actual event in January. Den W2DEN made some suggestions about proper net procedures and proper command protocol that should be followed if we would be involved in such a net.

Later in the meeting the actual SET called the Deer Prairie exercise was discussed also. Chuck Johnson KE4MEO with the Sarasota Cattleman's Association was the speaker. The SET will be Saturday January 16th starting at 7:30 am. Stations wishing to participate should contact Bill K4FLV by E-Mail @ gulfrader@verizon.net.

We asked for volunteers to become club officers for the following year. The only one that came forward for the office of Secretary was Paul Delgado K1STR.

All of the other officer's volunteered to serve another term in their present office.

The membership approved all of the officers for 2016.

Bill K4FLV President, Bill K4JBV Vice President, KI4EFJ Dick Treasurer and K1STR Paul as Treasurer.

Our club Christmas party will be at the Der Dutchman restaurant 3713 Bahia Vista Street on Monday December 7th at 6pm all are invited to join us members or not

and be sure to bring your YL or XYL we are glad to have the ladies join us. It is a party and not a meeting. We pay for our own meals there the food is great and the prices moderate.

Gary WB4AYD Inquired as to when the echo link would be working he has some friends at the power squadron that have licenses but no radios and he thought it would be nice if they could get on the air using echo link. Bill K4JBV advised it may be sometime because the radio he has doesn't have enough audio going out to the computer. Bill suggested that Gary make his radio and echo link computer into a sysop and put it on the 146.73 repeater.

The meeting closed at 7:30 and Ed K8DSS gave a very nice presentation explaining all about the Auxiliary Communications Service. It's beginnings, how they work with Sarasota County EOC, How they help provide amateur radio access during emergencies and a trained and a pool of amateur radio operators. He explained that all are welcome to join and he described the requirements to become certified and a little bit about the equipment available to ACS as well as their UHF repeater.

Geoff Haines N1GY our ARRL section coordinator gave a brief talk about the Sarasota Fab Lab at 4452 Beneva Rd. He described some of the tools and equipment that they have and how the place was available to all of us and that we should take advantage of the facility.

Respectively Submitted

Bill Martin K4JBV Vice President