

Minutes From SERC Meeting 2/1/16

The meeting was called to order by club president Bill Franklin K4FLV.

Everyone introduced themselves to those in attendance. There were two new visitors Fred KB3DCO and Steve KM4NMW. We had a total of 28 in people at the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report was given.

Technical committee report was given by Bill K4JBV. Her reported that the DMR repeater lost contact with the internet and he had to go to the site and reset the repeater and all was well. All of the other repeaters are working ok.

Also while he was there at the site a tower crew was working. We have been trying to replace our UHF repeater antenna. He asked the membership for approval to spend funds to get the antenna changed. A limit was placed on the amount he could spend. A motion was made and approved to this effect. He will try to get the tower crew to do this before they leave the site.

There was a report on the Deer Prairie exercise and all that participated were thanked for there efforts for doing such a good job. There was a review of some of the problems that came up to see how we could better the exercise. It was a learning exercise.

The use of winlink during the exercise was discussed.

There will be a winlink demonstration 45 minutes before the March meeting any one interested should come early and attend the demonstration.

Ed K8DSS discussed the tornado that hit Sarasota and that he activated the EOC shortly after the tornado hit. He also mentioned that hams should check in during any emergency on the 145.13 and 147.39 repeater even if they have no problems during the emergency activation.

Laura Conrad KJ4IJV mentioned the half marathon on Sunday March13th. She was looking for volunteers. The operation starts early for the hams at 6:45am. Anyone interested in participating should contact Laura at conradlaura@gmail.com

The Tour de Cure is April 10th also keep that date in mind. Contact Bill K4FLV gulfrader@verizon.net for details.

Ken Tressenger the ARRL Public Information Coordinator for our area attended our meeting to introduce himself to us. He explained his duties as information coordinator and asked if anyone would be interested in becoming our clubs public information coordinator reporting club information to him and the league. No one volunteered. Anyone interested in filling that Job contact him.

There will be an ACS quarterly meeting at the EOC on the 8th of March at 7:30 PM
Anyone interested should attend.

There will be a DMR Show at the Manatee Co Red Cross on St Route 70, 53rd avenue. I did not get the particulars as to time and date. I am sorry I missed it.

The meeting was close and Hams W2ZZB had a film about the dxpedition to Navasu Island that he showed. It was very interesting it was all about the way that the group putting on the dxpedition had acquired permission to do the dxpedition and how all the gear was transported there the erection of the stations and the on air operation and the teardown.

Respectively Submitted in the absence of our recording secretary.

Bill Martin K4JBV
Vice President