



**January 9, 2017 - Meeting Minutes
2001 Cantu Ct, Sarasota, FL 34232**

Officers Bill Martin & Dick Hullfish were absent. In lieu of, Micky Taylor took the meeting minutes:

At 7:00 PM the meeting came to order, presided over by William Franklin (K4FLV), President. The vice-president/secretary and treasurer were absent. M Taylor (KM4BHF) took the meeting minutes.

There were ~25 members at the meeting, including one guest and one new member, Bruce KM4WUJ. There was no treasurer's report.

A repeater report affirmed that all repeaters are presently operable.

Old business was discussed with an update on The Community Foundation profile, which is still being reviewed due to a technical glitch in their website of the foundation. Micky Taylor is in touch with the foundation and will let Den Speiss (W2DEN), SERC webmaster know when the profile is available to be viewed and the link to the profile can be put on the SERC website.

Den Spiess reminded the membership that the SDG (Sarasota Digital Group) meets on Tuesdays at the ARC to explore and employ digital methods of radio communication that could be used in disaster relief efforts. All hams are invited to participate!

The SDG (Sarasota Digital Group) is raising money to purchase a Pactor 4 modem to be used in the ARC radio room. The equipment will be the property of SERC and so far fundraising efforts have been positive, with \$1,500.00 raised, including \$76.00 that was raised at the meeting- thank you to our membership!

In new business, a motion was made to donate some old tower parts that had been discarded at the back of the ARC building as leftover parts when the existing tower was raised. Rick (AJ4FW) asked for the pieces for a portable tower project to be used as part of any disaster relief efforts. The motion was passed by unanimous vote for the hardware to be given to Rick for this good cause.

Den Spiess spoke briefly about interesting digital modes being experimented with and Brent Parker (W8XG) gave a demonstration of VoIP telephony demonstrating a communication with Mark Henderson in New Jersey via a telephone unit, but in reality it was a radio contact...one of the many cost effective methods of digital transmissions that the SDG is exploring.

At 7:30 PM Bill Franklin identified and thanked Chris KI4SZF who has been sharing the weekly net control duties with Bill Franklin and Bob Morgan. Bill adjourned the meeting and introduced Hans (W2ZZB) who provided an educational PowerPoint presentation on the advancement of digital technology today.