



Minutes from SERC meeting 5/2/17

The meeting was opened by Bill Franklin K4FLV our president.

All present introduced themselves. We had 19 persons present 3 new people ED KF6WIV, Steve KK4NEI and Pete W1PSD.

We had a guest speaker Carol Jefferds who is the director of the Medical Reserve Corps. Part of the State Dept of Health Center for Disease Control. We decided to let her speak to the club and cover business after her talk.

She is trying to build an MRC team of emergency responders from many agencies and organizations. She wants to include ham radio operators into this group and explained briefly what would be expected of us and what benefits there would be if we were under the MRC umbrella.

She wanted to get a memorandum of understanding between our club and her organization.

She is going to have a meeting with us and other groups to explain all of their expectations and exactly what would be expected of all groups on May 15th at 7pm at the Red Cross. Den w2DEN was going to set up the Red Cross location for her with Megarie Van Sickle at the Red Cross on that date.

The minutes were read and approved from the April meeting.

The treasurers report was given and approved.

The technical committee report was given Bill K4JBV said that he as worked out an agreement with the Vertical Bridge representative who's company owns our Laurel site about the electric charges there. We have a lease with them for our repeaters and the building they are in. They will continue to pay for the electric for the time being. We have agreed to keep the air conditioners turned up high to minimize the cost.

All repeaters are working ok with the exception of the DMR repeater which is operating at low power since the power amp failed and we have a low power spare on it at 25 watts. Ed Palmer K4JP said he has a Henry amp that he will give to the club. But it is in TN he will get it to us when he returns to TN.

W8XG reported on the Tour de Cure and how APRS worked out during that event.

The Red Cross tower came up at Lakewood Ranch it needs to be removed. No one was sure if it had been removed but it was thought that Jim W4JDB had removed the cables from the tower and possibly the tower. This could not be confirmed.

Sarasota County Gave us a certificate for volunteering our services in the last county emergency drill we participated in.

There will be a table TOP EOC emergency drill on Friday 5/5/17 It will be all digital as I understand it.

Den W2DEN announced that Field Day is on at the Red Cross anyone wishing to participate should contact him.

Also there will be a VE test session on June 3rd at 9am at the Red Cross.

The pactor modem that the digital group paid for is up and running it will take win link and get it out of our area in an emergency.

The digital group is meeting every Tuesday at the Ale House for lunch at 11:30 am and then they go to the Red Cross to work out getting the radio room and antennas set up better than it has been. So that in an emergency everything is up and running and all antennas are operational.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 pm.

We did not have a program this month after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Martin K4JBV Vice President
In the absence of a recording Secretary

We have an opening for the recording secretary's
Position anyone wishing to volunteer should
Contact Bill K4JBV