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SERC Meeting Minutes for January 08, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. New club president Gary Wells (WB9AYD) introduced himself and the 2018 officers and asked the membership to tell a bit about themselves. 22 members were present

Secretary's report: Micky (KM4BHF) reviewed the November minutes where nominations for new officers were made and the club holiday party date was announced. The November meeting minutes are available on the website for further review by the membership. The secretary's report included a grant update. On January 19th the Community Foundation would like to receive the grant chair and an officer at their board meeting to learn more about how receiving grant money from the Hurricane Irma damage & relief fund will impact the club. Bill (W2IBM) made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. It was seconded and passed.

Brent (W8XG) the newly-elected treasurer gave a treasury report. The figures were consistent with the records being kept previously. The software being used is Quicken (single entry accounting, no balance sheets, etc). It is limited to a checkbook style register and not capable to list values for equipment and inventory. The club will be looking for software for accounting; can grant money help with that? A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Harvey, seconded and passed.

Committee reports: Current state licenses, charitable organization permit (dept of Agriculture), 990-postcard (IRS) and all annual licenses are being finalized by Bill Martin.

Technical report: All repeaters except the 145. Repeaters are working. Jim Briggs (WA9TIR) and Bill Martin are working on fixing it. SERC is currently looking for technically-minded members for the technical committee to learn the equipment and provide back-up support.

Radio room report: New carpet is being installed, so all equipment is off the floor and an organization of cables and equipment is in the works. Bill Prost (N4APG) donated an Icom IC-F8101 HF transceiver radio (valued at \$3000.) to the SERC club to be used in the SHARES project.

Membership: 108 members. Gary asked for ideas to attract new members. John Snow (W3ATR) suggested that SERC members consider becoming Red Cross members to support our local chapter.

Website: Dynamic content keeps SERC on top of the Google search results. Den Speiss (W2DEN) asked for written contributions to keep the website current and interesting. A format change to include a more effective mobile formatting is in the works.

SDG: The Sarasota Digital Group is still meeting on Tuesdays at the ARC at 1 PM. Technical seminar on SHARES system in the future. The SHARES system is supported by FEMA & Homeland Security and provides the southernmost gateway in the US from the Red Cross radio room.



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EchoLink equipment search is on. The club would like to get the EchoLink system up and running, possibly at the Red Cross.

Medical Reserve Corp: Bill Martin went to an MRC training to be a Board of Health member.

Trailer project: Paul Nienaber (KN4BAR) injured himself over the holidays. Paul is the lead to the trailer project. The trailer project report will be put off until next month.

By-laws and Mission Statement re-write. Micky (KM4BHF) and John Snow (W3ATR) are on the by-law and Mission Statement rewrite committee. They agreed to rewrite the 2016-18 by-laws for current use and to revise the Mission Statement for submission to the state and the grant profile.

(9) ACS members were present. SERC has an MOA signed from 2000 & again in 2016(?). SERC would like to revisit the MOA/ relationship with the ACS. Gary (WB9AYD) will meet with Bob (ACS) and Brent (Assist Deputy) to discuss roles, etc.

Does the club want to email the membership? Yes to the idea of an E-blast newsletter a week or so before the meeting, to include brief content, club events and directions, meeting agendas, etc.

Winter Field Day (January 27) will be held at City Island (past Mote Marine) in Sarasota with various hams bringing their own equipment and power sources. City Island is a Global IOTA site. Everyone is welcome!

Bill Martin motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.