



## **SERC Meeting Minutes 05 February 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by President Gary Wells (WB9AYD). 26 members, 0 guests present.

The secretary's report cited meeting minutes from February available on the club website ([SERC:meeting-minutes](#)). A motion was made that any member could view the past meeting minutes there and it was seconded.

Treasurer's report was given by Brent Parker (W8XG). The budget is balanced with incoming membership dues in January and February.

Committee reports: all annual legal documents are official with the club's 990N tax postcard and the Charitable Solicitations license accounted for.

By-laws and Mission Statement update: Sarasota Emergency Radio Club is a DbA (Doing business as) for Sarasota Radio Association, Inc. which we may start using more often on official club correspondences and paperwork.

Repeaters are all working. Bill Martin had to replace some parts on the Nokomis repeater site. A question was asked: Is the technical committee taking on apprentices? Bill Martin (K4JBV) was asked to coordinate a tour of sites for interested parties.

Funding for the club's tower-climb project came through in January 2017 from The Community Foundation of Sarasota County through the Hurricane Irma Damage & Relief Fund grant. Micky Taylor (KM4BHF) is the Team Leader for the foundation's 'Giving Challenge' and will be approaching the membership through emails and phone calls to mount the campaign.

Radio room update: SDG is moving ahead with the new antenna base to mount the antenna for the HF SHARES station. Next month there will be a presentation on the SHARES equipment, license and operation.

Trailer update: The ARC has loaned SERC a donated trailer (branded with our names) with complete battery set-up and generators but requiring an A/C rebuild for the Florida heat. The trailer will be maintained by the American Red Cross. Paul Nienaber (KN4BAR) provided an in-depth overview of what would be required to make the trailer operational.

Website: looking for some people to write technical articles. An article about the Community Foundation grant and the MRC antenna donations is forthcoming by Micky Taylor (KM4BHF).

New business: Mission will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and revisited in the March meeting. By-laws will remain the same with a resigning of the current Board of Directors and Officers for 2018.

VE session with rapid training sessions is being considered. George Becht (N2SQ) spoke about a similar success using PowerPoint presentations. Next SERC VE testing session is scheduled for March 10, 2018.

Laura Conrad (KJ4IJV, not present) asked for volunteer radio operators to work the First Watch Marathon on March 18 (Van Wezel- St Armands route). Looking for 10 or so volunteers for the 6 AM- all day event.

The DMR Wednesday night net was mentioned. The April club meeting will have a DMR presentation by Will Willemse (K2LQ). Problems noted with the 73 repeater on the Wednesday night net, eventually changed to the 39 repeater.

At 7:43 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded. Hans Napfel (WB2ZZB) offered an educational slideshow presentation on Binary number history into the digital age, which was extremely interesting.