



SERC February 6, 2023 Meeting

The February 6 meeting of SERC was called to order at 1902 hours by President Scott, KO4SQK. A total of 18 members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January meeting were approved as posted on the SERC website. Motion for approval was made by Steve W4SNW and seconded by Fritz, N4DPF and carried unanimously.

Treasure's Report: In the absence of our Treasure Brent W8XG club president Scott KO4SKQ presented Brent's report. The report was unanimously approved on a motion from Don, KT3V and seconded by Steve W4SNW.

Fund Raising Report: Mickey, KM4BHF reported that there were no changes to our current fund raising efforts. Scott, KO4SQK briefly discussed the Flanzer Giving Challenge suggesting members take advantage of it.

Technical Report: Den W2DEN was not in attendance. Scott KO4SQK discussed the situation at SMH-V where hurricane Ian bent the mast holding the Mesh antennas. The mast has been straightened and the mesh antennas mounted lower to reduce wind loading impact. We continue to have a problem with the SAR 11 controller dropping audio. Icom has been notified but no solution has been provided as yet.

Membership: Net N2RDX was not in attendance but Scott KO4SQK reported we currently stand at 150 members.

Traders Net: Fritz N4DPF reported that the net continues to be active and invites all members to check in and participate if nothing more than a chat.

Programs/Activities Report: Steve, W4SNW reported the progress on setting up a booth at the Sarasota County Fair. He also showed an ARRL video as to what ham radio is about. Dan Noah will present basic SKY Warn next month followed by Steve, W4SNW discussion on the effects of the Sun on radio communications in April.

SRQ ARES: Chuck K1CHC is currently attending Auxcomm Training. Scott KO4SKQ gave a brief ARES report but will wait for Chuck EC to return.

Old business: Paul KN4BAR reported on the bus going to the Orlando Ham Fest and that there remain some seats available. \$50 round trip.

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Scott, KO4SQK reported on the current state of the ARC trailer. Due to the ARC budget schedule which we just missed it would be fall at the earliest before the trailer upgrade costs could be included. A discussion of alternatives followed. Stephen, W4SNW made a motion for SERC to fund the ARC road worthiness expenses not to exceed \$2000 as a donation to the ARC. Scott, KO4SQK agreed to contact Thomas as see if that would be acceptable to the ARC. The motion was seconded by Tim KO4IHP and passed unanimously by the membership.

Scott, KO4SQK reported that he and Chuck K1CHC will meet with SMH to review the MOU and will report on the results next month.

Steve, W4SNW will need \$50 to reserve the booth at the Fair Grounds. A motion to approve was made by Fritz, N4DPF and seconded by Don KT3V and was passed unanimously.

New Business: Scott KO4SQK announced Brent's W8XG resignation as Treasurer and board member due to his current work load. Brent's participation in SERC will be missed. Lauren Rudd KD8PZ has agreed to take over as the SERC Treasurer and Loretta Visconti is willing to serve as assistant Treasurer. Mickey KM4GHF made the motion to approve their election which was seconded by Paul KT4AS and was passed unanimously by the membership. Lauren and Loretta will coordinate with Brent to sign the bank cards and get a new CC etc. Lauren's term will be for nearly two years as Brent was only elected to this term as of January. The assistant treasurer role is a new non-board position.

Scott, KO4SQK adjourned the meeting a 1955 hours and turned to group over to Tim KO4IHP for a presentation on the National Traffic System.

Respectfully submitted John W3ATR Secretary