

## SERC meeting minutes June 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order by our Vice President Chuck K1CHC due to the absence of club President Scott KO4SQK vacationing in Europe. Time was 1903 and 18 members and guests attended.

**Secretary's Report:** Club secretary John W3ATR asked for approval of the May minutes as posted on the club web site. The motion was made by Mike WOMJL and seconded by Jim W4MAN with unanimous approval.

**Treasure's Report:** Dennis KN4YNF was not in attendance and his report was read by Chuck K1CHC. Steve KS4YP made the motion for approval and was seconded by Fritz N4DPF followed by unanimous approval of the membership.

**Membership Committee:** Chuck reported on the current status of our club membership. Currently 131 members are listed including 12 life members and 12 family members. A total of 113 members have paid dues. Chuck discussed the costs associated with membership. Just the cost of the membership card and lamination runs \$2.89 not including the PayPal fee most of us use. Currently it costs SERC \$27.00 for each member when insurance, web site, etc. is factored in. SERC will no longer send out laminated membership cards. Rather, an email receipt will be sent to each member including a printout of our membership card which maybe cut out. A motion to approve the membership report was made by Bob W3RLW and seconded by Steve KS4YP followed by unanimous approval of the membership.

**ARC:** Chuck K1CHC reported on the current status of the ARC Trailer. The quotation was received by the BOD for around \$4500 which was well above the amount approved. This was discussed by the BOD and the conclusion was that SERC would not proceed further with repair of the trailer as anticipated total costs would probably be closer to \$6000. President Scott KO4SQK has submitted a letter to ARC to that effect.

**Technical Report:** Tim KO4IHP reported on the receipt of new computers to replace the old ones currently in place at our repeater sites. Programming of the computers will be completed shortly and the units moved to the sites. Current plans are to do Laurel and SMH-V at the same time followed by Comcast and SMH-S. The amp has been received for the Comcast repeater. This will allow reducing the repeater output to 10 W while increasing the TX power to 100 W. The amp that was ordered and never shipped has been referred to collection. Hopefully, we will lose vary little money as a result.

**Web Site:** Chuck K1CHC reported SERC continues to look for a Web Manager.

**Field Day:** Mickey KM4GHF and Steve W4SNW are heading up the Field Day Committee. Mickey reported that the Sun Coast View has been invited to attend as well as several local politicians. The event will be held Saturday June 24-25.

**Grants Committee:** Mickey KM4BHF reported the Giving Challenge is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024. She will need to discuss this by October 2023

**New Business:** Chuck K1CHC discussed the addition of an Echo link connection and possible advantages on SAR 1 & 2. This would allow seasonal members to check in to our nets. Emcomm nets currently using it include Salvation Army, DARN and HWN. Les N4LPK has agreed to install it and set it up next month. A motion to approve was made by Mike KG7KIQ and seconded by Steve W4SNW followed by approval by the membership.

Steve W4SNW reported that last months presentation has been posted on our web site.

**Old business:** None

Chuck K1CHC called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1940 hrs. This was made by Mike KG7KIQ and seconded by Paul KT4AS and approved unanimously by our membership.

The meeting was followed by a presentation from Paul NB9X on NXDN.