



SERC Business Meeting 01 08 2024

The meeting was called to order by President KS4YP Steve, at 1901 Hrs.

Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report: Secretary John W3ATR asked for a motion from the floor to approve the December minutes as posted on the club web site. The motion to approve was made by Steve W4SNW and seconded by Scott KO4SQK. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don KT3V discussed the current status of club finances which included the CD and Money Market accounts. The Clubs checking account is adequate for current and anticipated needs. A motion to approve was made by Paul KN4BAR and seconded by Steve W4SNW. Motion was approved.

Grants Committee: Mickey KM4BHF reported on the Giving Challenge coming up and requested some assistance to "say what we are doing". Flanzer's matching contributions has been approved for another year and allows for donations to be matched throughout the coming year.

Webmaster: Tim KO4IHP temporary Webmaster reported on needed updates to the Facebook and web sites. Has agreed to ask his wife for technical assistance. Mickey KM4BHF discussed the need for thank you messages to donors during the Giving Challenge. She will need some assistance to do that.

Postmaster: Steve KS4YP reported the only mail received was JUNK MAIL

SRQ ARES: Chuck K1CHC reported he is no longer EC and that a reorganization meeting will be held Monday January 15th at Redcomm to address the current situation. There is a possibility that Bill Fetta N7CGC our SEC may attend.

Hospital Liaisons: Scott KO4SQK reported nothing has been done due to the Holidays.

MCESG Liaison: John W3ATR reported that the X band connection on SAR 28 with Manatee Co ARES worked and allows SRQ ARES to participate in "Grazing Herd Drills".

Hamfests Chairman: The membership agreed not to have a Hamfests this spring.

Technical Committee: Steve KS4YP reported on the repeater or Digipeater NJ4M. Apparently EJ at the EOC raised a question in regard to whose it is. The question was not answered and Steve will follow up. Buss Bars were purchased and installed at Comcast repeater site. Excess cables were shortened to clean up the installation. Steve KS4YP reported on the work accomplished by the Tech. Committee including computer up grades, new amp at Comcast and installation of ECHO LINK and NXDN. Tim KO4IHP reported the weather report issues on SAR 1-2 has been corrected by removing the weather report option. Steve KS4YP raised the question of participation in winter field day this year January 27 and suggested set up and operation of the GO Box HF station. It will depend on the weather.

Programs Committee: Steve W4SNW reported on the Sarasota Marathon which is going to be held this Saturday Jan. Several SERC members will be on hand to provide communication throughout the run. We will be meeting at 0600 at the spot designated by Steve. The MS Bike Ride is still in the planning stage and Steve does not have any updates at this time. The question of participating in the Sarasota County Fair was discussed and it appears we did not gain much from last year's participation so will pass on this year's Fair. Steve is looking for volunteers to participate in the programs section of our meetings. Any topic will be considered.

Old Business: NONE reported

New Business: John W3ATR reported on proposed changes to SERC's By Laws. Duties of the elected and appointed officers has been expanded to clarify everyone's responsibilities. 3 Membership has been expanded to change how SERC's dues are handled. Dues would be due in full during the 1st calendar quarter of the New Year. Paul KN4BAR recommend that actual due's amounts not be part of the By-Laws. Article 9 Appropriations was added to reflect the policy adopted by the BOD regarding SERC's fiscal practices. Article 10 Membership Coordinator was created to maintain the current membership status. Article 11 created the 13position of Webmaster and defines their role. Article 14 Committees allows the BOD to create committees as need for the operation of the Club. Article 15 Dissolution defines the mechanism by which the club's money will be handled should the organization cease to exist.

A motion to adjourn was requested by Steve KS4YP. The motion was made by Fritz N4DPF and seconded by Scott KO4SQK. The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectively submitted John W3ATR Secretary