

SERC Meeting Minutes 3/5/24

President Steve KS4YP called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiants. A total of 12 members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Secretary John W3ATR requested a motion to approve February's minutes as posted on our website. The motion was made by Paul, KN4BAR and seconded by Steve W4SNW. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Club Secretary, Don KT3V reported the Clubs treasury was in good condition. There have been a number of purchases including a Yaesu 2100 B amplifier, three antennas, 500 feet of LMR 400 coax for a total of \$1,747.

Membership: Matt K4TTW reported membership is at 122

Grants: Micky KM4BHF reported meeting the Director of Emr. Management. She discussed the idea of Club business cards. Micky also reported on the Giving Challenge coming up and that SERC was gifted a quarter page for our Logo etc. in the West Coast Women's Monthly Publication. She suggested that each SERC member ask 3 friends or family members to donate during the Giving Challenge as well as requesting an updated membership roster from Matt K4TTW.

Old Business: Chuck K1CHC reported that the antennas and coax have been received for three Sarasota Hospitals. SRQ ARES members assigned to the Hospitals will be in direct contact with Hospital Emergency Management via HT's. Our operators will report to security on arrival and will receive Hospital ID badges that will provide needed access and food. SRQ ARES can provide up to two operators and spouses at each hospital location.

John W3ATR reported on the purchase of the Amp. In January the BOD approved the purchase of an AMP at a price not to exceed \$600.00. At the Orlando Ham Fest, a YAESU 2100 B AMP was purchased for \$375.00 and an additional \$35.00 was spent to modify the unit to allow to PTT operation with modern radios. This is now in Redcomm and ready for use.

Chuck K1CHC discussed the possibility of installing an air conditioner in Redcomm to maintain a reasonable temperature. With the addition of the Amp heat will be a problem should it be needed.

Steve W4SNW raised questions about the status of our dual band antennas. Don KT3V reported that the antenna in question is ok and operational. Matt K4TTW suggested using a Drone to fly the antennas and take pictures to check the status of the antennas.

Tim KO4IHP stated he will attempt to change out the computer in Cube 6 on Friday. This has been a problem possibly due to heat.

Steve KS4YP indicated he will change out the batteries at Laurel this Tuesday.

New Business: Steve W4SNW discussed members signing up for the M.S. Bike Ride and the need for members to present programs at our meetings. He also asked if anyone knew a contact with NASA where we could make application to contact the space station as it passes over.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve W4SNW and seconded by Matt N4TTW. A unanimous vote to adjourn was passed.

Program: Paul KN4BAR made an excellent presentation regarding Fusion