



SERC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 6, 2024

President Steve KS4YP called the SERC general meeting to order at 1903 hours. This was followed by the pledge of all agents. Fifteen members were in attendance and one guest.

Secretary's Report: John W3ATR asked for a motion to approve the minutes for April as posted on our web site. Fritz N4DPF made the motion which was seconded by George N2SQ followed by a unanimous approval of all members.

Treasurer's Report: Don KT3V reviewed the current state of our finances including the money market account and CD. The Club is currently in excellent financial shape. Although not included in the treasurer's report, SERC will receive a check for around \$5,500 from the Giving Challenge sometime in June or July.

Membership Committee: Mat due to family issues will no longer serve as Membership Chair. and we need to find a replacement. Current membership stands somewhere around 122. George N2SQ raised a question regarding dues. John W3ATR reviewed the BOD decision to switch to an annual due's payment due in January. There is no increase in SERC dues at this time.

Grants Committee: Micky KM4BHF discussed the ARRL grant as being opened up. Some discussion was made regarding replacing the Go Box radio with Dual Band Radios which might be covered by a grant for example.

Old Business: There was a brief review of the Hospital Drill by our President Steve KS4YP The three antennas and 500 ft of LMR 400 coax work well. The hospital maintenance staff installed the antennas and coax. Excellent voice communication was established between all the hospitals and Redcomm. There was an issue using Winlink and points out the need to continue winlink training.

Technical Committee: Tim KO4IHP discussed the computer situation at Redcomm. He has replaced the cube 6 computer with a Dell Micro. All the repeater sites are looking good. The Fusion side of the repeater at SMH remains down. Tim KO4IHP and Dennis W9CIB need to schedule a time to meet at the hospital and review the Fusion operation. It just may need a reboot or a windows update may have caused the issue. Several possible issues were discussed. Don KT3V reviewed the status of the vertical antenna installation. The issue with 20 M has been corrected although 80 M now appears to need some work. Some discussion occurred regarding the cable protectors and their installation across the parking lot. Conclusion is to go ahead and install the cable protectors. At some point the ARC will resurface the parking lot at which time the tech. committee can install a 2- or 3-inch pvc pipe which can be under the asphalt.

New Business: John W3ATR discussed the temperature in Redcomm. Currently the temperature runs between 85 and 87 degrees with just our basic equipment in operation and the tech committee feels that heat may have resulted in several of our Gateway issues. The board of directors has discussed the issue with the Red Cross and they have no objection of installing a mini split AC unit. A RFQ has been put out to Gator AC for installation of a unit but we are awaiting the quote. Due to the heat problem John W3ATR requested the membership approve an expenditure not to exceed \$8,000 for installation of an AC unit. Tim KO4IHP made the motion and it was seconded by Steve W4SNW. Some discussion followed with Mickey KM4BHF pointing out we are a 501 c3 and may possibly get some benefits from that status. John W3ATR pointed out that more than one company needs to bid on the project. The vote was called and was passed unanimously by the members in attendance.

Steve W4SNW reminded everyone that Summer Field Day is coming up. Some discussion was made about setting up and operating out of Celery Fields. No decision was reached and the subject remains on the table at this time.

Steve KS4YP called for a vote to adjourn the meeting at 1945 which was unanimously approved. Steve W4SNW presented a topic on solar power and batteries.

Respectively submitted, John W3ATR, Secretary