

Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting

K4FLK

May 3, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM at the Big Pine United Methodist Church.

Attendees: KM4VCR, KA2BYU, KA4PPM, KE8RES, WA4JFJ, WA4JFK, KO4NHL, K1ST

Via Zoom: KN4STC, KG2CS, N1BGK

Old Business:

Updating Club Bylaws. Discussed the updates to the Bylaws. KA2BYU made a motion to approve the updated Bylaws. The motion was seconded by WA4JFJ and unanimously approved.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report 21 paid Members, Banking Status \$1719.07 Checking, \$65.15 (\$1784.22) Savings.

No one signed up for a Test Session before the meeting.

Changing the Club Meeting to a later start time was discussed. A motion was made to move the start time to 7PM by KA2BYU, seconded by WA4JFJ. The motion was approved unanimously. The Club will move the start time to 7PM starting with the September Club Meeting. The Test Session will start at 6PM.

There will be no Club Meetings in July and August.

With the new Club Bylaws we need to assign members to the Repeater Committee. K1ST recommended K1ST and K4HG as they currently fix the Repeaters. KA2BYU suggested K1DFM. K1ST will check to see if K1DFM is willing to serve. We need one additional member. Let me know if you would like to serve on the Repeater Committee. Most of the activity will be about features and functions.

ARRL Field Day June 24th & 25th was discussed. We can operate at Camp Wesumkee with the K3ML Club or remotely operate the EOC. KA2BYU will be organizing the operation at Camp Wesumkee. Contact Bill if you want to participate. N1BGK was interested in remotely operating the EOC. Is anyone else interested in operating the EOC? Let K1ST know. I will be unavailable for Field Day. We need someone to organize operating KW4EOC. K4KWF was suggested to coordinate the KW4EOC operation. K1ST will check to see if he's interested.

The Key West UHF FM Repeater has been repaired. The problem was a bad power supply. The Repeater will be re-installed during the next trip to Key West. This could be as late as June 7th.


Discussed the portable UHF FM Repeater under construction. The Repeater will be on the North Key Largo FM frequency, 442.6 MHz +5 offset with 94.8 PL. This channel is already in the Club Code plugs. The repeater will be an Allstar Repeater, same functionality as the North Key Largo Repeater. It will be able to be linked to the FM Repeater Network or standalone. K4HG re-tuned the duplexer. Now just need to program the Maxtrac Radios and power it up...

After a short break, Steve, K1ST, demonstrated RemoteTX operation of the KW4EOC IC-7300. KW4EOC has been checking in to the South Florida ARES Net on 3.940 MHz at 7:45 AM Monday through Saturday.

There was a short mentoring session after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Shirley Perpall, Secretary