

Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting

K4FLK

June 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM at the Big Pine United Methodist Church.

Attendees: KM4VCR, KA2BYU, KW4FLA, K4KWF, WA4JFJ, WA4JFK, W4KWS, KO4NTH, N4HHN, K1ST

Via Zoom: KA4PPM, KE8RES, KQ4IMK, W8UF (**Zoom worked well!!!**)

Old Business:

Repeater Committee. K1DFM has agreed to join K4HG & K1ST on the Repeater Committee. We needed one more member and Tony W4KWS asked to join the committee. We now have our four Repeater Committee members.

ARRL Field Day June 24th & 25th. We discussed the operation at Camp Wesumkee, MM34. Contact [KA2BYU](#) to participate. We also discussed KW4EOC Remote Operation. Contact [K4KWF](#) to participate.

Discussed donation to the Church for the use of the meeting room. Recommendation to donate \$150 per year was discussed. KA2BYU made a motion to approve, seconded by K4KWF. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report 27 paid Members (Thank You!!!), Banking Status \$1863.26.

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

There will be no Club Meetings in July or August.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6th. All future meetings will start at 7PM. All future Exam Sessions before the Club Meetings will start at 6PM. The Club website has been updated to reflect the changes.

Next discussion was about Nets. The VOIP Hurricane Net was broadcast over the FM Repeater Network Saturday June 3rd at 8PM and was well received. N4HHN checked into the Net from the Repeater Network. A motion was made by KA2BYU to link into the VOIP Hurricane Net every Saturday during Hurricane Season. The motion was seconded by K4KWF and the motion carried.

K4KWF suggested creating a DMR only Net. After discussion, K4KWF made a motion to start the Net. The motion was seconded by KA2BYU and the motion carried. K4KWF agreed to be Net Control. The Net will be on Wednesday Nights at 7:30 PM on the Florida Keys TG. The Net will start next week on June 14th. Ricky will work on a Net Name, Purpose and Preamble.

Next Ricky, K4KWF demonstrated the Yaesu FTDX10 he purchased and then talked about the Dayton (Xenia) Hamvention experience. Attendance this year broke the record at the new Xenia location. Ricky said the weather was even good (which it usually isn't...).

Ricky also Live Streamed while he was at the Hamvention The live streams are available for replay at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XS6qA97UQz8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCPLgNyvQiQ>

Tony W4KWS also demonstrated a new FM handheld radio he is very excited about. It's a [Quansheng UV-K5](#) dual band FM handheld with 50-600 Mhz receiver and 200 channels. Receives the Air Band. Very inexpensive via [ALiExpress](#).

Tony also demonstrated an 18.8-Inch Length [ABBREE SMA-Female Dual Band 144/430Mhz Foldable CS Tactical Antenna](#). He says they work quite well.

K1ST has purchased additional [Baofeng UV-5R](#) dual band handheld FM radios. They are programmed with the Club codeplug and come with all accessories except the programming cable for \$16. Contact [K1ST](#) if interested. Three have already been sold.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpal, Secretary