

# Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting K4FLK

September 6, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM at the Big Pine United Methodist Church.

**Attendees:** K4MNE, KQ4IMK, KM4VCR, KA2BYU, KQ4LBX, N4HHN, KN4YSK, WA4JFJ, KO4NTH, AK4MM, KQ4FPW, W4KWS and K1ST were in the room.

**Via Zoom:** KA4PPM

## Old Business:

At the start of the meeting we had twenty-nine paid members. Four additional people paid dues at the meeting bringing the total to thirty-three paid club members.

The Club has \$165.30 in Checking and \$1,763.07 in Savings for a Total of \$1,828.37. An anonymous donor gave a \$200 donation to the Club. Thank you!!!

The Link to the Saturday Night 8 PM VOIP Weather had to be stopped due to complaints on long link tails from our Allstar Node. If we have a real emergency, I'm sure they will live with our three second tails...

The \$16 Baofengs UV-5Rs were handed out to the members that purchased them. Hope to see you on the Tuesday Night Prep Net.

## New Business:

### GMRS

[KeysCares](#) is working with the [South Dade GMRS Club](#) to install a GMRS Repeater Network in the Keys linked to the South Dade Club's Repeaters. The Marathon GMRS Repeater is already on-line with active work on the other sites. The plan is to eventually cover the entire Keys. Go to [myGMRS.com](#) or contact [KA2BYU](#) for more info. This will provide even more radio coverage during emergencies. I have recently received my GMRS call sign.



## Radio Orienteering

There was discussion to see if anyone was interested in doing Fox Hunts in the Keys. No one expressed interest in organizing this activity.

## VA6AM 20-15-10 Meter Triplexer

K1ST proposed the Club purchase a [low power Triplexer](#) to complement the Band Pass filters purchased last year. After discussion KA2BYU made a motion to purchase, seconded by K4MNE. The motion was approved and the triplexer is on order. Total cost was \$274.08 US

The main benefit of the triplexer is the ability to put three radios on one antenna. This will greatly simplify setup for Field Day or other activities. With that in mind, the Club is looking for a donated or low cost 20-15-10 Meter Triband antenna. Let me know if you know of anyone opportunities for the Club to acquire a tribander.

### **Winter Field Day with Tailgate and Marathon Seafood Festival**

KA2BYU inquired if the Club intended to participate in the above events. The answer was yes. A motion was made by KA2BYU and seconded by K4MNE for the Club to provide some of the funding for the Marathon Seafood Festival Booth. The motion was approved.

### **Club Elections**

K1ST requested members to staff the Nominating Committee for the upcoming Club Elections. No one volunteered so there will be no elections at the November Meeting. Ricky, K4KWF, has left the Keys for Las Vegas and resigned from his position as Vice President. At this point we won't have a nominating a committee but I would like to hear from anyone interested in the position of Vice President. VP duties include planning the presentations for the Club Meetings and running the Club Meetings when the President is unavailable.

### **Break**

### **Donated Radio Gear**

KR4IF donated a FT-1500M and a FT70DR to the Club. KN4YSK purchased the FT-1500M and W4KWS purchased the FT70DR. Proceeds will go to the Club treasury.

### **Club Members Gear For Sale**

W4KWS had some ham gear for sale including a TYT TH-9000 two meter Allstar Node. K1ST had more \$50 DMR Simplex Hotspots for sale.

### **Radio Programming**

W4KWS programmed several FM and DMR radios for members that were present.

### **Main Presentation**

K1ST showed his Hermes Lite 2 QRP 160-10 Meter SDR Transceiver and Juma PA-100D 100 watt HF amplifier. He also showed the Thetis software program for controlling the SDR radio.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpal, Secretary