

**Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting
K4FLK**

November 1, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Big Pine United Methodist Church.

Attendees: KM4VCR, KA2BYU, KQ4LBX, N4HHN, KA2BYU, KW4FLA, W8UF, KJ4PR and K1ST were in the room.

Via Zoom: KA4PPM, KB7ZDO (looks like the Zoom video locked up during the meeting, sorry about that)

Old Business:

K1ST has one DMR Hotspot left for \$50. Others sold to KO4NTH and also for KD4BJM. **Last one sold at the meeting to KJ4PR.**

There will be no elections as we weren't able to get any members to man the nominating committee. **Existing Officers will remain in place for 2024.**

Looking for anyone interested in being the Vice President of the Club. VP Roles and Responsibilities are detailed in the [Club Bylaws](#). **OPEN**

K1ST and KA2BYU will work on the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for the Ham community for post storm operations for working with the County Emergency Management. **Still in the Queue.**

New Business:

Update on Membership and Club Financial status by Shirley, WA4JFK (or LT). **Deferred to December meeting.**

I will be away for the December 9th meeting. Would anyone like to step up to run the meeting? Full planning help will be provided. It's easy. Alternatively we change the date to December 20th if the room is available. **KA2BYU offered to run the December 6th Meeting with input from K1ST. Thanks Bill!!!!**

Keys GMRS Repeater Status by KA2BYU. They are making very fast progress! **Key West and Marathon Repeaters are currently operational. ORC expected up within the next four weeks. Cudjoe Key awaiting tower plate, everything else is ready. Frequencies are Key West 462.725, Cudjoe Key 462.650, Marathon 462.675, Layton 462.650, ORC 462.550. Send an email to [Gerry Castiello](#) if you want to get on the Keys GMRS email list for the latest updates.**

Keys GMRS Meeting on December 9th at 2PM at Venture Out on Cudejoe Key. Anyone interested in the Future of GMRS in the Keys is encouraged to attend.

Repeater Status by K1ST.

Acquired Hustler G7-144 antenna for Marathon (Grassy Key) VHF Repeater on 147.255 MHz. **Antenna has been assembled.**

N4ODB Cutler Bay DMR Repeater linked to the Florida Keys Talk Group on TS1. Codeplugs have been updated (including GMRS) and posted on the Club Website. **N4ODB Repeater offline at the moment due to a technical issue.**

Maraton DMR Repeater was fixed on October 20th. The Receive S Meter was fixed on October 27th.

Cudjoe Key Repeater visited on November 1st, software updated and configuration backed up via cellphone Wi-Fi without stepping out of the truck.



We currently have Five DMR and Eight FM Repeaters on-line across the Keys.

Club Members Gear For Sale

W4KWS has Motorola based Allstar Nodes for sale for \$175. Contact Tony for details

Main Discussion [Winter Field](#) January 27th & 28th

At [Camp Wesumkee](#) Girl Scout Camp, Scout Key MM34

We have permission to use the MCSO Comms Truck



VA6AM Triplexer has been purchased (\$274.08) and received by the Club. **Triplexer was on display at the meeting.**

What Antennas should we use, especially with the Triplexer?

Need one antenna for 20-15-10, one 40 and one for 80.

After discussion we will probably use the wire antennas used before (enfed with 9:1 balun).

K1ST will work on getting PCs and Voice Keyer Pads working for all the stations.

Most people at the meeting said they were interested in participating in Winter Field!!!

KA2BYU will generate the request form for use of the MCSO Comms Truck.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpal, Secretary