

## Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting

K4FLK

May 1, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM at the Big Pine United Methodist Church.

**Attendees:** K4MNE, KA2BYU, KQ4OOS, KQ4OOR, N4HHN, WA4JFK, WA4JFK, K1ST, W4KWS, N4HHN, K8ACW

**Via Zoom:** W8UF, N1BGK

**VE Testing at 6PM:** No test session as no one signed up.

### Old Business:

No new update on number of Club Members. Currently thirty-three paid members for 2024.

The Club has \$2,297.76 in Checking and \$65.05 in Savings in the Bank.

### New Business:

**GMRS Repeater Status:** KA2BYU reported on progress on the GMRS Repeater Network in the Keys. All the Repeaters are operating with the exception of Ocean Reef and Cudjoe Key. Some are on temporary antennas.

**Ham Repeater Status:** The Marathon DMR Repeater is back online but a bit deaf. Will work on the Marathon DMR Repeater when I return in early June. The Kew West DMR Repeater also appears to be a bit deaf. Will attempt to work on it in early June. The Cudjoe Key DMR Repeater is working really well with coverage up to the west half of the Seven Mile Bridge.

One Baofeng UV-5r was awarded to Randy Aivaz from Tavernier on passing his Technician Exam at the April Tavernier Test Session. Randy is now KQ4RNH.

The Diex DXS-1 20-15-10 Meter Rotatable Dipole has been ordered and shipping is now delayed to July.

The question was asked if anyone was interested in operating Field Day, June 22 & 23. Camp Wessumkee is available for our use and we may be able to also use the MCSO Comms Truck. Let me know if you are interested in operating. We are also looking for someone to manage the event. Lots of assistance will be provided.

Club Station KW4EOC at the EOC Radio Room is available to operate remotely for Field Day. Let me know if anyone would like to operate KW4EOC on Field Day.

The September Club Meeting has been moved from 4<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note of the date change. The next upcoming meeting date is always shown on the Club Website Meeting Page.

K1ST is setting up Audio Bulletins on the County FM Repeater Network. The ARRL Audio Bulletin will play on Friday Nights at 7:00 PM and Amateur Radio Newslines on Monday's at 7:00 PM. Let me know if you hear them and whether or not you feel they are worthwhile.

### Presentation:

K1ST presented the Ham Radio, GMRS Post Hurricane Operations Plan. The EOC Radio Room plans to listen at least on the Hour to the County FM Repeater Network. If the County FM Repeater Network fiberoptic links break, the EOC Radio Room will link a Scout Key FM Repeater to a Plantation Key Repeater FM as this will cover most of the Keys. Nets will be scheduled to allow station to check in and report as to their safety and welfare or damage reports. Emails will be sent out before activation telling everyone when the Nets will be operating.

Everyone needs to be reminded that safety is the number one priority.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpall, Secretary