

## Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting

K4FLK

June 5, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM at the Big Pine United Methodist Church.

**Attendees:** KA4PPM, KW4FLA, WA4JFJ, WA4JFK, N4HHN, KA2BYU, W4KWS, K1ST

**Via Zoom:** KG2CS, W8UF, N1BGK

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

### Old Business:

Currently thirty-three paid members for 2024.

The Club has \$2,356.28 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. Will attempt to install the Ocean Reef GMRS Repeater on a temporary antenna on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ham Repeater Status: The Marathon DMR Repeater is back online but a bit deaf. Will work on the Marathon DMR Repeater on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Kew West DMR Repeater also appears to be a bit deaf. Will attempt to work on it in early June. Will attempt some tweaks on the Ocean Reef FM Repeater on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

WA4JFJ is in the process of bringing back a VHF and UHF stand alone Repeaters in downtown Key West. The VHF Repeater is on 146.94 MHz PL 94.8 hz with the callsign W4LLO. The VHF repeater is already in the FKARC Code Plugs. The UHF Repeater will be on 443.1 +5 MHz with a PL of 94.8 and the callsign will be W4LLO. The UHF Repeater is not in the Club Code Plugs but will be added.

Next Ham Exam Test Session is in Islamorada on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. You must sign up in advance [here](#). We won't go to the Test Session if no one signs up in advance.

The Diex DXS-1 20-15-10 Meter Rotatable Dipole has been ordered and is now delayed until late August.

The question was asked if anyone was interested in operating Field Day, June 22 & 23. Due to a lack of interest, we will not be operating Field Day this year.

Club Station KW4EOC at the EOC Radio Room will be operated remotely for Field Day. Let me know if anyone else wants to participate in operating the EOC remotely.

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](#).

The Audio Bulletins are now running automatically on the County FM Repeater Network. The ARRL Audio Bulletin plays on Friday Nights at 7:00 PM and Amateur Radio Newline on

Monday's at 7:00 PM. Let me know if you hear them and whether or not you feel they are worthwhile.

Updates to the Club Website [Nets Webpage](#) have been made to add additional ARES Nets, info on KA4EOC the State EOC Station and info on the Audio Bulletins.

**Presentation:**

K1ST demonstrated how to program radios using [CHIRP](#). Make sure you read before you write to the radio. When you first read the radio, make sure you save the factory default code plug in case you make a mistake in programming the radio. Cables are readily available for most radios on eBay or Amazon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpall, Secretary