

Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting K4FLK

January 3, 2024

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

Attendees: W0DVR, KO4HLC, ND Guest David, KA4PPM, K4HG, W4KWS, WA4JFK, WA4JFJ, KM4VCR, Rich Bell, KE8RES, KK4INP, WA8TTZ, WB2AMN and K1ST were in the room.

Via Zoom: No one was on-line

VE Testing at 6PM: ND visitor, W0DVR, upgraded to General. Congratulations!!! KA2BYU, K4HG and K1ST were the Examiners.

Old Business:

At the start of the meeting we had last year paid members. Ten people paid their 2024 dues at the meeting, two mailed in and \$20.00 donation from Bill Verge plus \$14.00 from two tests. Richard Bell, no call yet, new member.

The Club has \$1985.41. in Checking and \$60.42 in Savings for a Total of \$1985.41

The Yaesu FT1500M 50 watt 2 Meter mobile radio is still available for \$100. Contact K1ST. Proceeds go to the Club.

KA2BYU, K1ST and new Monroe County new ARES EC Steve, KN4GPN 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:

Dues are now being accepted for 2024. Cost is \$20. Mailing address is available [here](#).

The Club approved payment of \$17.49 for the fkarc.net domain name registration.

Jules Undersea Lodge HF Experiment

Keith W0DVR AND Rachel KO4HLC spoke about their plans for the underwater HF experiment from the [Jules Undersea Lodge](#) in Key Largo. They plan to be on the air on January 5th and 6th. The callsign is K4U. They plan to be mainly on 20 Meters. The transceiver they are using is a Yaseu FT-857. The antenna will be a Hamstick.

They will do a special Open Air Zoom session while in Jules Undersea Lodge Jan 5th at 4pm EST. They will be answering questions, showing off our set up, and giving a tour of the facility.

<https://und.zoom.us/j/97076921147?pwd=NWVXTIYraWM1WDRaQ1VUKytZTEZHU T09>

GMRS

KA2BYU reported on progress on the GMRS Repeater Network in the Keys. The Marathon repeater is currently down due to blown finals and North Key Largo repeater is in final configuration and test before deployment.

Break

Winter Field Day January 27th 2PM to January 28th at 2 PM

K1ST demonstrated his IC-7300 in a Go Box controlled by [N1MM Logger Plus](#) contest logging software. We'll be running four IC-7300s with the Club purchased Band Pass filters and Triplexer. K1ST will be sending a request out for people to sign up for operating and setup/teardown.

The location is Camp Wesumkee Girl Scout Camp, Scout Key MM34, [34200 Overseas Highway](#) across from the communications tower.

Additional details on Winter Field Day can be found [here](#).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpall, Secretary