

Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting

K4FLK

March 6, 2024

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

Attendees: KC3YPJ, KO4NTH, K4HG, W4KWS, KW4FLA, AK4MM, WA4JFJ, WA4JFK, KE8RES, KA2BYU, KJ4PR

Via Zoom: KQ4OOT, KQ4IMK, KA4PPM and one other (apologies...)

VE Testing at 6PM: Two new licensees. Congrats to KQ4POZ and KC3YPJ.

Old Business:

We now have thirty-three paid members for 2024.

The Club has \$2,409.56 in Total in the Bank.

KO4NTH purchased the Yaesu FT1500M 50 watt two Meter mobile radio and the Leixen UV-898S dual band FM mobile transceiver. Total donation to the Club of \$165 (included in the above total).

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)

Break:

W4KWS displayed some of the radio equipment he has for sale including an IC-7300, a DMR Repeater, Motorola DMR Handhelds and more. Contact Tony, [W4KWS](#), for more details.

New Business:

GMRS Repeater Status

KA2BYU reported on progress on the GMRS Repeater Network in the Keys. The Key West, Cudjoe, Marathon, Layton and Ocean Repeaters are operational. The Cudjoe and Ocean Reef are on temporary antennas. The Layton machine is currently off frequency. Work progresses on implementing PL on these Repeaters.

Ham Repeater Status

The Marathon DMR Repeater is being tested on the Grassy Key Tower. It can be heard Big Pine to Islamorada but the receiver is currently deaf. Will be visiting the site in the next few days to hopefully fix the receive issue.

Plan to visit the Key West DMR Repeater is back on-line.

The Replacement Cudjoe DMR Repeater was shown at the Club meeting. It is ready to go and should be operating soon.

The Scout Key Tower VHF FM Repeater is back operating properly. Give it a try.

K1ST brought up the suggestion of offering newly licensed Hams at our test Sessions a Baofeng UV-5R dual band FM Handy to get them on the air as soon as they receive their callsign. We would just ask that if they aren't going to use it that they return it so we can provide to another future Ham. K4HG made the motion to buy five radios to start. The motion was seconded by AK4MM. The motion was approved unanimously.

K1ST suggested that the Club purchase a [Diex DXS-1](#) 20-15-10 Meter Rotateable Dipole for future Field Day type of operations. After discussion. K4HG made the motion to purchase, seconded by WA4JFJ. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpall, Secretary