

Minutes of the Florida Keys Amateur Radio Club Meeting

K4FLK

May 7, 2025

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

Attendees: AK4MM, KQ4OOR, KQ4OOS, KO4NTH, WA4JFK, WA4FJF, KA2BYU, KR4DUL

Via Zoom: Apologies but these weren't recorded

VE Testing at 6PM: Congratulations to Robert Mullennix on passing his Technician Test at the FKARC Test Session before the meeting. Val Jacyno, AK4MM, presented Robert with a preprogrammed dual band FM Handheld compliments of FKARC. Robert's new callsign is KR4DUL. Please say hello to Robert if you hear him on the air.

Old Business:

Treasurer, WA4JFK, reported the Club has \$2,918.14 in the bank and 33+ paid members for 2025. Please consider joining/renewing your membership. You can send a check to FKARC, 624 ASHE ST, KEY WEST, FL 33040-7111 or send a Zelle or Venmo payment to K1ST. Contact K1ST before sending funds. Annual dues are Twenty Dollars.

The [Diex DXS-1 20-15-10 Meter Rotatable Dipole](#) was given to K1ST for assembling and testing. This task is still open. **Open**

Club Swag. No one ordered their FKARC Shirts. K1ST will investigate the Orlando Amateur Radio Club model and report back. We could adopt the Orlando Amateur Radio Club model and partner with [Gold Medal Ideas](#) to create a store for FKARC Merchandise like [OARCs](#). K1ST will investigate and report back. **Open**
W4KWS will start working on the WAKY Award for working at least Five Keys in the Florida Keys. QSOs can be made on HF and also on Repeaters. Stay tuned for updates. **No update**

New Business:

GMRS Repeater Status from KA2BYU. Marathon (now 575) and Islamorada (now 675) have swapped frequencies. The Cudjoe repeater on the tower is 550, PL 136.5 and is not linked.

Ham Repeater Status from K1ST. Stock Island UHF FM Repeater installation should be sometime in the next two weeks. Grassy Key VHF FM Repeater parts received 5/24 and hope to install before 6/20. ORC UHF FM repeater still running 40 watts on a mobile duplexer but working well. All other Repeaters are working well.

MM58 Grassy Key DMR Repeater is operational with the RF Splitter (Power Divider) on the Northeast and Southwest facing antennas. Coverage is MM32 to MM86 with a 50 watt mobile and 5 db antenna.

The current status of the Ham and GMRS Repeaters in the County can always be found on the [Repeaters Page](#) of the FKARC web site.

Looking for more Net Controllers. Will Train. Contact K1ST for more information.

New Business:

Please welcome new and returning FKARC members: WB8UYK, KO4MPU, KG2CS and K4CVW.

KA2BYU will provided an update on the K3ML Club. The K3ML has been closed and the Club Treasury balance of \$200 was donated to the FKARC. FKARC will continue to uphold the ideals and goals of the K3ML Club.

There was no interest in operating ARRL Field Day in June. KW4EOC is available to be operated remotely if anyone is interested. Contact K1ST.

FKARC will start holding Ham Exams on Stock Island on the third Thursday of the Month before the Key West Amateur Radio Club Meeting at the Arthur Sawyer American Legion Post 28. First Test Session is July 17th. All FKARC Test Session are listed on **HamStudy**.

Need to order more [Baofeng UV-5R](#) Handhelds (\$16.94 on Amazon) for newly licensed Hams. Recommend purchasing five more handhelds via [KeysCares](#). KK4HG and XYL generously offered to pay for the purchase of the next five handhelds. The purchase was unanimously approved, the handhelds were ordered and received. **Thank You**

Main Presentation:

Presenter was unavailable at the last minute.

The next [Club Meeting](#) will be on June 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Perpall, Secretary