



Date: October 28, 2015

Subject: **PSLARA Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order:**

President Jody Butte called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

**Pledge to the Flag:**

Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introductions:**

Members present were asked to introduce themselves by name and call sign. 25 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

**Previous meeting minutes:**

Minutes of the September meeting, as posted on our website, were approved by motion of Kelton (W4IND), and seconded by Larry (W4QH). Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:**

Greg (KB4VVE) reported that we \$102.44 in Petty Cash and a Checking Account balance of \$6669.75 after expenses paid for our club picnic in the amount of \$161.46. Motion to approve the Treasurer report was made by Bob (KJ4UXS) and seconded by Dick (W4DAC). Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Program:**

President Jody Butte (W4SLD) announced that the program this evening would be a presentation by Ernie (AJ4BP) regarding our club QRP kit building project. Kits are available for purchase at the meeting for \$5.

Jody also commented that the SkyWarn training program held on October 21 was well attended and quite informative. Jody further thanked Bob Brown (KJ4UXS) for his efforts in coordinating and promoting the SkyWarn event.

**Technical:**

Ernie (AJ4BP) reported that both our repeaters are working fine, however our EchoLink connection is still down. Hopefully the EchoLink will be back up within a month or so. The radio used for the EchoLink connection was damaged beyond repair and needs to be replaced.

Ernie further reported that the CW net continues to progress quite steadily with 7 to 8 participants on a regular basis.

Dick (W4DAC) asked about the occasional interference heard on our 2 meter repeater. Ernie and Greg believe that this noise is the result of an intermittent intermod generator that is difficult to identify.

**Social:**

President Jody Butte reminded the membership that the club Christmas party is planned for Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 pm at Shuckers. The next club breakfast is scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 7 at 8:30 am at the Golden Corral in St. Lucie West.

Donn (WY5I) commented that the club has really enjoyed our Christmas parties at Shuckers in the past and that we should endeavor to spread the word and encourage more members to attend.

Jody further reminded the membership that the Okeechobee Hamfest will be held on Saturday, November 28 (the Saturday following Thanksgiving). This is traditionally a very nice event.

Greg (KB4VVE) reminded the membership of our weekly Rag Chew, Trader and Tech net which is held at 7:30 pm on Thursdays on our club 2 meter repeater; 146.955, negative offset, with a tone of 107.2.

**Club Relations:**

Sherwin (KA9COD) reported that the newspaper did not publish our ad today, although they did publish it several times when we did not have meetings.

**Membership:**

Sherwin reported that we have no new members this month.

President Jody Butte welcomed guest James Hill (KD4BTG) and new members James Laseter (N4ZYX) and Martha Hatter (W7KOY) to the meeting.

**Nominating:**

Donn (WY5I) reported that elections will be held next month (November) and that nothing has changed since last meeting. We have candidates for all of the main officers, however we still need an additional Director. Donn further explained that nominations will be accepted from the floor and encouraged anyone interested in serving on the Board to let that be known.

**Testing and Education:**

Bob (KJ4UXS) reported that there was no testing in October due to the Melbourne Hamfest. The next test session will be held on November 14 at 8:30 am at the EOC.

Bob also reported that there were 38 individuals in attendance for the SkyWarn training.

With regard to the Technician training, there has been some recent interest, bringing the total now to 8 individuals who have expressed a desire to participate in this review class. At this time, we can begin the process to schedule this program. Bob will contact the individuals to confirm their interest before an actual date is set.

Bob also requested that the dates for testing next year be established soon in order that they may be posted and published accordingly.

**ARES:**

Steve (N4SGL) reported that there will be a practice FP&L nuclear power plant emergency drill held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. The FEMA evaluated drill will take place Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

More details will be available after the first of the year. It is anticipated that these will be morning drills, as they have been in the past. The ARES group will not meet again until next year.

Steve further reported that the SET (Simulated Emergency Test) exercise conducted on Saturday, October 17 went fairly well, however, participation was a bit lighter than anticipated. We had no problem communicating with Martin County.

**Old Business:**

Jody commented that we had a very nice Club picnic at Oak Hammock Park.

Larry (W4QH) reminded the membership of the meeting dates and net schedule for the 2 X 4 DX Club and encouraged any members interested in DX to participate. The DX club nets take place on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 pm on the PSLARA repeater. DX Club meetings take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am at the church.

Jody also reminded the members that we would still like to receive input regarding future programs or building projects. There is still a plan to operate an island DX expedition to Boy Scout Island to participate in the IOTA contest.

**New Business:**

None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Horner (KK4ISZ)  
Secretary