



Date: November 18, 2015  
Subject: **PSLARA Meeting Minutes**

### **Meeting Called to Order:**

President Jody Butte called the meeting to order at 7:30 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. 23 members were in attendance.

### **Previous meeting minutes:**

Minutes of the October meeting, as posted on our website, were approved by motion of Greg (KB4VVE), and seconded by Bob (KJ4UXS). Motion carried.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Greg (KB4VVE) reported that we have a Checking Account balance of \$7019.75 and Petty Cash in the amount of \$139. Motion to approve the Treasurer report was made by Larry (W4QH) and seconded by Dick (W4DAC). Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Program:**

President Jody Butte (W4SLD) announced that the program this evening would be our annual Election of Officers and Directors. Donn (WY5I) will preside over the election process.

Jody further advised that a project is planned for January, 2016 to possibly coincide with the planned Winter Field Day which would involve operating from an island in Martin County known as MC-3. Winter Field Day is scheduled for January 30 – 31, 2016. Gary (K4ASZ) offered the use of his pontoon boat to participate in the island event.

John (KK4SHF) advised that he had replacement crystals available at the meeting for the Pixie kits.

**Technical:**

Ernie (AJ4BP) reported that both our repeaters are working fine, however our EchoLink connection is still down. A replacement radio for the EchoLink connection has been obtained and it is anticipated that this will be back on line within the next couple of weeks or so.

Ernie further reported that he has been contacted by the station engineer for the tower site which hosts our club repeaters. The new company has agreed to continue to host our club repeaters and ancillary equipment free of charge as they do at other locations. They have requested documentation of our club equipment at their site. This has been assembled and forwarded as requested for their files.

**Social:**

President Jody Butte reminded the membership that the club Christmas party is planned for Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 pm at Shuckers and advised the membership that the restaurant will be adding a 21% gratuity to each guest check. There will not be a need to leave a tip for the wait staff at this event.

The next club breakfast is scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 5 at 8:30 am at the Golden Corral in St. Lucie West.

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.

**Club Relations:**

Sherwin (KA9COD) reported that the newspaper did not publish our ad today.

**Membership:**

Sherwin reported that we have no new members this month.

**Nominating:**

No Report. Elections will be held following the business portion of the meeting.

**Testing and Education:**

Bob (KJ4UXS) reported that one candidate passed a Technician Class examination on Saturday, November 14. Testing next month will take place on Saturday, December 12 at the EOC.

With regard to the Technician training, tentative plans have been made to conduct this class on January 16 and 17. Three confirmations have been received so far for this date. Five additional interested parties have been contacted to confirm their interest and availability. We would like to see a minimum of six persons making a commitment to attend before proceeding with this training session.

**ARES:**

Steve (N4SGL) reminded the membership 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.

Steve further reported that the regular ARES meeting nights would likely be changed to the first Wednesday night of the month in January and February in order to better prepare for these scheduled events. The ARES meetings would then resume the regular schedule of being held on the third Wednesday night thereafter.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

President Jody Butte turned the meeting over to Donn (WY5I), as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to preside over the annual Election of Officers and Board of Directors for 2016. Donn reviewed the election process and terms of service of the four Officers to be elected as well as the remaining Board of Directors. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee for the 2016 term are as follows:

Paul Horner (KK4ISZ) – President

Harold Barr (W8PPI) – Vice President

Jody Butte (W4SLD) – Treasurer

Greg Bunting (KB4VVE) – Secretary

Ernie Marquez (AJ4BP) – Director

Bob Brown (KJ4UXS) – Director

Donn Sinclair (WY5I) - Director

Larry Cook (W4QH) – Director

Sherwin Fields (KA9COD) – Director

Donn then called for any nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, a Motion was made by Dick LaVigne (KK4TEI) and Seconded by Harold Levy (N3UY) to close nominations and vote on the entire slate of candidates as proposed by the Nominating Committee. Motion Passed and nominations were closed.

By affirmative unanimous vote of the membership in attendance, the slate of Officers and Directors, as proposed by the Nominating Committee, were elected to office for the year 2016.

**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