

MANATEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MINUTES Membership Business Meeting
November 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, President, at 7:08 PM. We all participated the a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Thanks to Jerry, AE4XW.

Personal introductions were conducted. Twenty two were in attendance so and a quorum was established.

The minutes from the previous meetings were accepted as published on the web site www.manatee-arc.org. The treasurers report was given by Frank Morton and filed for audit.

Membership chairman reports 70 members.

VE testing will be held third Saturday in December, the 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Cross building.

Education chairman indicated there has been no expressed interest in any classes as yet.

A reminder of the first Saturday of the month breakfast at Theona's in Oneco.

Reminder about participation at the Thursday night net on the club repeater.

Hamfest tickets will be available for \$7 at the annual dinner at Firkin & Fox restaurant. The Tampabay Hamfest folks will be looking for us to help with security and the like. Ed signed a few folks up to assist with security (4-6 people) - we need several more especially on Saturday from noon to four and on Sunday. Step up and help Ed fill the requirement. We'll also have a table for the members. If you place something for sale there make sure it is tagged name and price and try to man the table for a half hour or more during the day. Share the load.

Christmas dinner will be on 1 December 2009 at the Firkin & Fox at 2505 Manatee Ave. East just west of the Braden River. Food is good and beer served in Firkins (English term for gallon.)

The MARCI Board of Directors meeting will convene on 17 November at Frank's, AC4MK.

Gooff Haines spoke on ham radio nets and net control duties and methods. Thanks Geoff! Speaking of nets - all remember to check in on the Thursday night net 146.820 - 100 at 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

Greg Blanchard, newsletter editor, reminded us of the contest for naming the newsletter. He also indicated articles, ideas, hints for Santa, any inputs appreciated.

Jim "the webman" Woodson commented on a few new pages on the club page. APRS and active satellites are the latest additions.

Something new - CoCoRaHS - maps rainfall all over the work. you can participate by setting up a four inch rain gauge. Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (Because Every Drop Counts) A one hour session will be held at the hamfest Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

SKYWARN renewal class will be Sunday at 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

ARES will have a simulated emergency test on January 9, 2010 to include CERT groups in East County (CERT SET), details to follow.

Steve Senft indicated he would be able to coordinate with Ed for a presentation on software defined radios - to wit the Flex-5000 HF-6M Transceiver.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectful Submitted
Roger Byron, KR4WS