

MANATEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MINUTES Membership Business Meeting
January 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, President, at 7:00 PM. We all participated the a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Personal introductions were conducted. Thirty two members were in attendance so and a quorum was established. We enjoyed having five guest/visitors. Welcome to Larry Meierjurgan, KJ4ENW, Everett Burkey, N8YJB, Steve Kinney, N8RNK, Jim Eisler, KJ4???, and Hans (last name?) who came to see us in action, having found the meeting announcement in the Herald. Welcome to all.

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 69 members.

Round of applause to the individual who set up the Herald announcement.

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

A reminder starting next month, the Saturday after the MARCI meeting, breakfast at Theona's in Oneco will start about 9:30. Y'll come and enjoy comradship as well as the good food.

Reminder about participation on the Thursday night net on the club repeater 146.820. The tone will be turned on this Friday, 100 Hz.

North American QSO party will be the 17th of this month. Anyone wanting to go wil the group to participate send Ed an email.

The MARCI Board of Directors meeting will convene on 19 January at Frank's, AC4MK.

Goeff Haines spoke on the city council public meeting this Thursday and how they intend to pass Ordinance 09-60 to control the cell phone antennas. As originally written it covers all types of antennas, verticals, towers, every single type of tower and monopole antenna. According to Steve Simpson three is a clause written to exempt amateur antennas. The school board also objects to the ordnance. Steve anticipates the hearing will be delay about a month.

Greg Blanchard, newsletter editor, handed out the January newsletter. Thanks Gregg.

ARES will have a simulated emergency test on January 9, 2010 to include CERT groups in East County (CERT SET). We'll meet at the Lakewood Ranch Red cross building at 9:00. The set actually starts at 10:00 a.m.

Steve Senft demonstrated his software defined radio - to wit the Flex-5000 HF-6M Transceiver.
Nice job Steve, learned quite a bit on this new concept.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectful Submitted

Roger Byron, KR4WS