

MANATEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MINUTES Membership Business Meeting
February 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, President, at 7:05 PM. We all participated the a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Personal introductions were conducted. Twenty five members were in attendance so and a quorum was established. We enjoyed having Harry KP9BI as guest.

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. There was discussion regarding the CD and how it might be moved to a money market account so as to receive slightly better interest rate. There is no mention in either the by-laws or the policy book regarding the financial accounts with the exception of the repeater fund which shall be refreshed to \$500 annually in January.

Membership chairman reports 70 members.

Education chairman indicated there has been no expressed interest in any classes as yet, however there is a Technician Class schedule for Saturday March 6 and 13 at 08:30 until 4:00 p.m. to be held in the 59th Street Red Cross building. The Technician question Pool will be changed in July 2010. A number of our members are Technician level. It would be nice if we could generate some desire to upgrade at which time we can conduct a class.

We will participate in the Florida QSO party 24-25 April. Anyone desiring to join the group let el President know. Then we can decide on the location. Desoto Days are in March. We could participate in a special event station. Anyone desiring to help? Field Day is the last weekend in June so put that on the calendar.

Member notes: Old MARCI patches are still available - \$2.00. One of our members brought some scalpels and protective gloves for whomever can use them (all the way from Kentucky.) A reminder, the Saturday after the MARCI meeting, breakfast at Feona's in Oneco will start about 9:30. Y'll come and enjoy comradeship 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. Thanks to Frank and Bruce for working on the trailer. IF there was more advanced warning perhaps others could have adjusted their schedule so they too could participate.

The next MARCI board of directors meeting will be Tuesday February 16th at 7:00 pm, at Jonelle's house.

Greg Blanchard, newsletter editor, handed out the February newsletter. Thanks Gregg. (My favorite so far is the Jonelle articles. Thanks Jonelle.)

Jim Woodson presented a technical brief and demonstrated his software defined radio - to wit the Elecraft K3 HF Transceiver. Nice job Jim, learned quite a bit about the radio's capabilities. (Wish I had an antenna decent enough to justify such a rig.)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectful Submitted

Roger Byron, KR4WS