

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

The meeting was called to order by Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, President, at 7:02 PM. We all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Personal introductions were conducted. Thirty three members were in attendance so and a quorum was established. We enjoyed having Jerry's wife, Lucy, and Peter Brown, G4WWY, from England as guests.

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

Membership chairman reports 72 members. Everyone was reminded that dues are past due. All need to get them paid by the end of the month or be removed from the roll.

Ares manager mailed the 501C forms and the equipment insurance was renewed. Frank has also ordered another Yaesu dual band radio for the trailer.

Education chairman indicated there has been no expressed interest in any classes as yet therefore the Technician Class schedule for Saturday March 6 and 13 is cancelled. The classroom has been returned for scheduling. 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. (I was approached after the meeting to submit a request for a General Class next January to allow those who return during the winter months a shot at upgrading. Seems doable.)

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

We will participate in the Florida QSO party 24-25 April. Anyone desiring to join the group let el President know. We have decided to set up on the Red cross grounds and expect to have a picnic (that's a cookout in Ed's terms) during the contest. Come out and join the fun, we'll assist you getting on HF then let you run with it. Hope you get a big pileup - they are so much fun. Anyone desiring to help? Field Day is the last weekend in June so put that on your calendar.

Reminder about participation on the Thursday night net on the club repeater 146.820 at the usual 7:00 P.M. What for the reminder email from Ed then join the usual twelve.

Elections are approaching us - in May the big election. So we need to fill the slate of officers. Secretary\, Treasurer, and one Board of Directors. Anyone willing to do the job, jump at the chance - the club needs your help.

Ed Boyett offered two vertical antennas free for the picking up at his home, there are also two satellite antennas for nominal fee.

The next MARCI board of directors meeting will be Tuesday March 16th at 7:00 pm.

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

Roger and Jim entertained us with a presentation on the history of amateur radio and some discussion on current modes of operation. Some discussion on where the future might take us ensued.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectful Submitted

Roger Byron, KR4WS