



MANATEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MINUTES Membership Business Meeting
March 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Jonelle Nabergall, KI4WSN, Vice President, at 7:00 PM. We all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Each person introduced themselves.

Twenty five members 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 treasurer's report was given by Frank Morton and filed for audit.

Membership chairman reports 19 members have not paid. March 31 is the deadline for payment else they are removed from the active roster. That would put the membership at 53 members.

The ARES Chairman gave a status report. April 24 and 25th will be the QSO party here at the Red Cross and April 30 at the Sarasota Bradenton Airport - Dolphin Aviation facility there will be a P-3 Orion (crew 22) hurricane hunter aircraft 9-5 p.m. Frank needs volunteers for help with the displays. Representatives from the National Hurricane Center and several county vehicles will be on display. For Field Day we have the sheriff's antenna trailer and contact with the Palmetto Wal-Mat regarding the use of their parking lot for the event. The manager has not answered the query as yet.

Education chairman indicated the Technician Class schedule for Saturday March 6 and 13 was cancelled due to lack of students. 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. During a Red Cross First Aid class the instructor indicated that some of the girls in her girl scout troop will be interested in a technician class. There will be an Extra Class starting in January 2011. Starting today I have a sign up list. (At the end of the meeting there were seven folks who indicated their desire to attend.) It was asked if there was any interest in a General Class. No response.

The broken mike award was reissued to Ryan Woodson KJ4NRK. Hopefully, he will be able to shed himself of this distinction. Here is all he has to do: check-in to the MARCI net twice, complete a QSO with a MARCI member (in good standing,) operate during a MARCI event, complete 5 QSO's, wait for three full moons to pas, and find someone in the club who qualifies for the "Broken Mike Award". Good luck, Ryan, we think you can do it!

We will set up for the Florida QSO party 24-25 April at 9:00 and be ready to start QSO's at 11:00 and good until 9:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 until 5:00 p.m. We should be tour down and packed up long before then. We'll be here in the Red Cross parking lot, set up three HF stations, picnic with hamburgers, logging on computers (maybe networked) each laptop computer will be

used for a particular band. The propagation should be open for at least three bands at any given time.

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.

A reminder, the Saturday after the MARCI meeting, breakfast at Feona's in Oneco will start about 9:30. Ya'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.

Tom Stockbrand was looking for a frequency counter to help diagnose his church's wireless mike.

Next month we will hold elections. Treasurer, Frank Morton, must step down, Jerry will be nominated for Treasurer and continue as membership chairman. Roger will remain as Secretary, Jonelle will be Nominated as a director. Qualifications include active membership for one year.

The floor was opened for suggestions for presentations at future meetings. The president called for each person identifying what aspects of ham radio in which each participates. Roger suggested each member talk about themselves, who are you, what have you done before we have come to know you. Bob Haeger asked to know what public services in which the club participates. Examples of his hometown group services were bicycle events, parades, running events,

The next MARCI board of directors meeting will be Tuesday April 20 at 7:00 pm, at Frank's house.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectful Submitted
Roger Byron, KR4WS