

MANATEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MINUTES Membership Business Meeting
June 1, 2010

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

Personal introductions were conducted. Fifteen members were in attendance so and a quorum was established. The President announced the slate of new officers elected during the last meeting.

The Treasurers report was presented by Jerry Johnson and approved by the members. We currently have 58 members of whom fifteen were present.

The minutes from the previous meetings were accepted as published on the web site www.manatee-arc.org.

Education chairman indicated there has been no expressed interest in any classes as yet therefore the Technician Class. The Technician question Pool will be changed in July 2010. There is an upgrade to Amateur Extra class for next January. Education chairman passed out five discs with the audio tracks from N7QO CW Course. The program uses the Koch method. There is also a free software program written by and Englishman, Ray Goff, G4FON, that uses the same method. Details are in this month's newsletter.

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

There is an ARES SET scheduled June 12 to engage the Lakewood Ranch groups to exercise their equipment. Field Day is the last weekend in June, the 26th and 27th. We'll set up in Palmetto at the Wal-Mart super store parking lot - South West corner. Starting at 9:00 we set up. The on air starts at noon. Come on over to socialize and get some on the air HF time, or just observe and learn.

Reminder about participation on the Thursday night net on the club repeater 146.820 at the usual 7:00 P.M. Wait for the reminder email from Ed then join the usual twelve. Jim Woodson will not always be able to be the net control, so any help there will be appreciated.

Jim Woodson showed all a picture on his iPad of a sink hole 330 feet deep in Guatemala. Perfectly round, it swallowed an entire building after dropping 3 feet of rain.

Next month we'll discuss the events of field day and a short demo on some available logging programs. The next MARCI board of directors meeting will be Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00 pm. A reminder there will be no meeting in August this year.

Greg Blanchard, newsletter editor, handed out the June newsletter. Thanks Gregg. And don't miss "On the Road with Jonelle" article. Geoff Haines wrote on "An Extension for Your Radio" which allows you to operate your rig near but outside of your mobile vehicle.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectful Submitted
Roger Byron, KR4WS