

# **MARCI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Feb 16, 2010**

The meeting was call to order at 7:05p.m. by the president Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, hosted by Jonelle Nabergall.

Those present constituted a quorum:

Ed Skalecki, NI4MX, President  
Jonelle Nabergall, KI4WSN, Vice President  
Roger Byron, KR4WS, Secretary  
Jim Woodson, KE4INM, Director  
Frank Morton, AC4MK, Treasurer  
Jerry Johnson AE4XW, Director  
Bruce Theroux, KJ4IFH, Director

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as published on the club Web pages.

Treasurers Report was distributed, read by Frank, no discussion and filed for audit. The CD matured during the month. The monies were deposited into a Wachovia money market fund with additional funds the establish the minimum \$3000.00 balance. The 501C tax maximum funds held by the corporation may have been exceeded. Ed will check the paper work to confirm the requirement.

Education: Ms Tamara Patzer asked that we provide a lecture to the Radio and TV History class at Southern College of Florida. This will be done Feb 18, 2010 at 6:45 room 114 building 10 on the Bradenton 26th street campus. There was discussion regarding establishing a Technician Class to be conducted March 6th and 13th, 8:30 at the Red Cross building. Currently there is only one potential student. Three is the minimum to make it worth the effort. Timing set for completion before the next VE testing will be March 20, 9:00 a.m. at the Red Cross.

April 24 and 25 2010 is the time for the Florida QSO Party. Discussion regarding how to increase participation to get the club members more involved. About 1/3 of the members are Technician, about 1/3 are not active so perhaps we could influence maybe 23-25 folks to come out and have some fun participating on the air. Following actions were assigned - Roger to do frequency control. Frank in charge of set up. Logging and QSL cards will be Ed's responsibility with Jerry and Jim to assist. Ed, Roger, and Frank will

work together to advertise and/or induce better participation. As a board we expect the operation to be seen by the public to generate some interest in amateur radio. Suggestions were in the center of Ellington Mall, we agreed that Desoto Mall is not an option, near the Red Cross building is a good option for adding picnic fun, Walmart parking lot, Gun Show at Palmetto convention center, Lowes or Penner Bread parking lot at Cortez and 14th Street, the Causway is a possibility but overnight there is not allowed. Pot luck party with folks each bringing a dish is likely the way to go to get more folks to the event. We considered doing the event without the ARES trailer, use of a classroom inside the building, one station in the trailer, such that each station is removed from the other to prevent crosstalk interference.

Field day expressed purpose is to be in the public eye. The grading system encourages the effort to show the public what we can do.

Membership: We currently have 71 members. There were no new nominees. There was a discussion regarding eligible persons for membership.

All board members were charged to read the club by-laws with the intent of updating the document. Next meeting will be a review of the by-laws.

The program situation was discussed. To keep the different radio presentation is good. Ham Radio Deluxe is a possibility and/or other digital software interfaces. Next month Roger will do the Radio and TV class presentation.

Old Business included discussion on possible activities, operations and programs for the new year. Letters to active amateurs inviting their participation in our organization will be sent by the end of this month, approximately 50 in the first group, look to see the results.

MARCI information net Thursday participation is still lagging. We discuss how we might increase usage of the net.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Roger Byron, KR4WS, Secretary