

**Minutes of the South Alabama Radio Club
January 15, 2009**

Call to order:

Pat Henagan KG4LNX called meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Members and visitors in attendance:

Pat Henagan KG4LNX
John Brown KE4HIE
Tim Trent KI4JDV
Jacob King KI4LFI
Richard King KJ4BBL
Wayne Alday W4WEA
Nickie Alday KI4YKR
Bob Lawrence KI4RWL
Larry DeFilippi KF4GRA

Minutes from previous meeting :

John read the December meeting minutes and the 2009 SARC Executive Meeting. There were corrections made to the December minutes.

Tim Trent KI4JDV made motion to accept the corrected December minutes and Bob Lawrence KI4RWL seconded.

Bob Lawrence KI4RWL made motion to accept the Executive Committee meeting minutes. Tim Trent KI4JDV seconded this motion

Treasurer's report :

Treasurer's Report Given by Wayne Alday of \$510.10.

Bob Lawrence KI4RWL made motion to accept treasurer's report as read. Tim Trent KI4JDV made a second to motion. Also mentioned that checks need to be written for PO Box Rent, Alabama Repeater Council Dues, and to Joe Rose for light bill at tower site.

Old business:

Larry DeFilippi KF4GRA still cannot access the server to edit the WC4M web page. Bob Lawrence KI4RWL said that he would transfer hosting of the web site to one of his servers. Bob Lawrence KI4RWL said he would contact Clay Brown-KI4ONH about transferring the hosting of the WC4M website.

Bob Lawrence- KI4RWL agreed to swap the antennas on Bill Haynes NK4D's Tower in exchange for the Andrews hardline he has donated to the SARC for the repair of the repeater. John Brown KE4HIE and

Bob Lawrence KI4RWL have not went yet but they plan to schedule the trip soon. An Certificate of Appreciation should be sent to Bill Haynes and the Troy Amateur Radio Club for the donations to the Club.

Pat Henagan- KG4LNX asked Wayne Alday W4WEA if he had contacted Paul Adam N4VFI about his dues check that was found in the SARC Mailbox from April '08. Wayne said he would contact Paul about this matter.

John Brown KE4HIE brought up the status of the WC4M Trustee's Name and address change. John mentioned that he has been contacted by the Thyssen Krupp Steel Mill in Mobile for a job interview and may be making a career change so he doesn't need to commit to the WC4M Repeater Trustee position until he knows his final job situation. John also mentioned that the Club will need to relocate the Club storage shed which has a lot of the SARC repeater spare parts. The SARC Field Day coax, antennas, and other items are currently bring stored in the back of John's Jeep in Rubbermaid containers and will also need to be relocated.

Pat mentioned what the SARC needed to pay the OARC for the fox hunt transmitter. Wayne said that the total costs for the transmitter was already taken care of by the Opp ARC and no check was needed from the SARC.

John mentioned that he would send some links to Bob Lawrence concerning the on-line FEMA NIMS Courses. He would also like to schedule some visits to the Covington County EOC to make other amateurs familiar with the Amateur station at the EOC.

Jacob King KI4LFI passed out a possible design for some SARC ID Badges. After some discussion, he said he would continue to work on the design and have some suggestions for the next meeting

Local Repeater reports

Opp repeater: Bob Lawrence-KI4RWL gave report Signal is good and Echo Link up and working.

OARC Echolink Net on Tuesday nights at 8:00pm on the OARC 146.640 (100hz) repeater. Simplex Net on Tuesday evenings on 146.565. The OARC Net meets on Monday evenings at 7:00pm.

Crestview repeater :No report

Chris John's Repeater- No report

Brewton repeater- No report

Andalusia repeater : Still not working well, Replacement antenna at John's QTH, New feed line needs to be picked up in Elmore, AL. The Club will need to purchase new connectors and grounding kit for the new Andrews feedline. Need tower climber(s) to do repairs after we have all materials needed.

Committee Reports:

John Brown Covington County Emerg. Coordinator

1. EMA plan waiting to be updated. Still not done.
2. John Brown-KE4HIE wants to plan visits to the EOC so that others can become familiar with the Equipment there at the communications room at the EOC so if John Brown-KE4HIE is not available someone else could come and operate Radios during and emergency.
3. Bob Lawrence-KI4RWL wanted us to look into formal training on Incident Command System (NIMS Courses) or any self-paced training on emergency communications.

Program Committee No program tonight. John will call NWS Mobile to schedule our annual Spotter Class for spring. Gary Beeler has now retired so we will need to find out who is doing these Spotter classes now for the NWS-Mobile office.

New Business

Pat Henagan announced that Larry DeFilippi has received the Chancellor's Award for teaching excellence from the Andalusia Chamber of Commerce.

Pat Henagan-KG4LNX also wanted everyone to be thinking about another Fox Hunt if you are interested let Him know and we will bring it up Next meeting.

Any Club members that want to pay their ARRL dues through the Club will get the Club \$2 for any renewals or \$15 for new

memberships. An email notifying Club members of this ARRL payment option should also be sent to members.

Also, we need to make an effort to approach current and prospective hams about joining the SARC for 2009.

OARC having classes for Amateur Radio Exams on Jan 24 and 31 from 10am to 4:30pm both days. Testing will be Feb 7th, Opp Library. Testing fee will be the ARRL costs of \$15. Contact Bob, Jacob, Or Vic or visit www.opparc.org.

Greenville Hamfest is Jan 31, 2009 at 8:00am.

Any unique or long distance contacts made by group?

Larry DeFilippi made a 10 meter contact to Perry Co, AL. and mentioned using the Logbook of the World to log and confirm contacts.

Club Members needs:(antennas built, towers erected, etc)

John Brown still needs Rotor replaced.

Adjournment: Larry DeFilippi KF4GRA made motion to adjourn.
Bob Lawrence-KI4RWL made a second.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

These minutes submitted by John Brown – KE4HIE