

## HIGHLANDS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

HCARC meeting minutes: Monday, March 21, 2011

1. Norm Shiver, KD4GMK called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Randy Payne, K4EZM led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Introductions were made. Guests Bob Bell, W2XV and Jared Chaput attended.
4. Fred Seely, AA4ME, read the February meeting minutes.
5. Rosie Shiver, Treasurer gave the financial report. Club funds total \$5,206.31.
6. Rosie Shiver gave a Wed nite net update.
7. Randy Payne gave an ARES update. There was a WCF ARES quarterly meeting at Punta Gorda on Mar 19 and discussion focused on the upcoming April 2 SET.
8. There was discussion of replacement batteries for the club repeater. Ben Henley reported that 99 amp hour sealed lead acid batteries will cost approximately \$300 each. A motion was made and approved to purchase two batteries.
9. The Scout Radio Merit Badge class originally scheduled for May 21 has been rescheduled to Oct 1, 2011. The JOTA event is scheduled for Oct 14 – 16. Callsign K4W has been approved for this event.
10. Field Day. Callsign K4W has been approved and our field day location at Istokpoga Park has been input to the ARRL field day locator site. Don Roberts, W4CBS volunteered to man the GOTA Field Day station.
11. There was discussion about combining ham radio and computers at the next annual Hamfest. Ben Henley will gather additional information.
12. Don Roberts, W4CBS suggested that the Club set up a special event station to stimulate interest in ham radio, perhaps at the mall.

13. A suggestion was made for the Club to conduct license classes. A motion was made by Randy Payne that Don Roberts make a feasibility report and present it at the next Board meeting. The motion was approved.

14. Upcoming events:
- Club Picnic, Sat. April 9, 11:00 at Istokpoga Park
  - Field Day, Weekend of June 25 - 26

Program: Larry Ambuel, AA8QS gave a presentation and demo of Winmor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm  
Fred Seely, AA4ME, Secretary HCARC