

Minutes of Playground Amateur Radio Club Meeting 15 Oct 2015

Called to Order at 1930 L

Pledge of Allegiance given

**Special Announcement:** Due to passing of **Bill Myers (KK4KF)**, **President Neil (KK4VHX)** requested a volunteer to fill the position. I said I would give it a try, but would not be available in November.

**Secretary's report** presented and approved.

**Treasurer's report: Michael (KJ4ECP):** presented and approved. Savings: \$8344.68 Checking: \$377.25

**Repeaters: Frank (W4RH): Steve (N4GXX), Steve (KB4OID):** 440 repeater is having some problems all others working well. Possible fixes such as increasing squelch from 2 to 3 were discussed. Some worry tht that might block out HTs it was agreed N4GXX would try to reset that as tie allowed and W4RH would try to test it daily at same time to determine if fix worked, others would try HTs as well. There is also the possibility of a coordination problem.

**Neil (KK4 VHX):** climbed Destin Water Users tank 3 and said good place for repeater antenna. Discussion to use it for Echo link for now. Destin Water Users has agreed to allow us to use the site.

**Club Station: Neil (KK4VHX):** Everything is good now Neil wants to climb the tower check connections. Discussion about putting up a 40/80 meter dipole at same time. AC5LT Scott says he opens the club many Saturdays and people can come in and get some HF experience just call on 79 to ensure he is there.

**Testing: Scott (AC5LT):** Two people signed up at this time for next testing on 14 Nov 2015.

**Activities Mo (NS4H):**

Sent email asking to be added to snow bird list

In house event. Grand reopening club house (for lack of better name)

Photos needed of present club house, Demo, Construction

Proclamation by Mayor, Mayor does "First QSO"

Armament museum no contacts

Christmas Party

**Web Master Mike (KM4EGY):** Nothing new at this time. Question was raised if Hamfest information was on web site Dean was asked to send it to Michael.

**ARES: Steve (N4GXX):** briefed on 3 Oct exercise. In short it was a water event based on Hurricane George about 17 years ago. Lots of rain and high winds landfall was near Biloxi.

Units were sent to shelter parking lots to contact EOC on mobiles. Contact was positive.

Simulated loss of all power caused some problems exasperated by my not bringing in my antenna connections. Luckily someone had a 259 to SMA connector.

We used alternate control a lot more than we would real world but good exercise for them.

Units also sent to low lying areas such as bridges to monitor flooding. All contacts good. Cotton Bridge to 225 was weak noisy.

225 used because 790 and 360 were knocked out by exercise NOARC picked that up and got PARC on 225..

31 of about 800 local hams played.

Talked about Code Red notification can be land line, cell phone, business phone, text, email. However, if you want to be on Code Red be ready to leave your couch.

Please determine if you can cross band repeat. So for example you can leave your mobile on a high spot transmitting on 79. You walk down into a hole transmit to your mobile on 446.000, your mobile repeats on 79.

### **Old Business:**

**Dues:** Rose to \$30.00 effective 1 Jan 2016. Some work on constitution still needs to be made on this.

### **Hamfest: Dean (KV4LL):**

18-19 March. Voted \$250.00 for all printing costs. Possible 2000 serialized prize, 100 non serialized vendor and hand stamps for general entry. May try to make smaller prize and vendor tickets to save cost.

Hamfest Prizes: Try to determine if a few more lower value prizes (1 \$800.00 grand prize down to \$400 - \$500.00 second, third prize value raised. Discussion about 6 tickets for \$5.00 or to make it \$10.00 or \$20.00 to get more tickets like 12 for \$10.00 or 14 for \$20,.00

**New business: Neil (KK4VHX):** Should we start a Bill Myers/SK Memorial Fund? If so what for; nothing as self serving such as a new radio, building fund, etc. Something very special is wanted. For as special guy.. Maybe a scholarship Vote was made to table until next month.

**Tax status: Neil (KK4VHX):** asked me check with ARRL for help obtaining a 5013C.

**Secretary's comment: Bill** we miss you! Rest in peace but hope you have one hell of a ham shack up there! Just for into what is the Prefix for Mars? I hope I can half way live up to your tenure as Secretary.

Attendees:

KK4VHX. AC5LT, KB4OID, KV4LL, KM4JJS, KM4ECP, KM4EGY,  
W4RH, N4GXX, WA4BOZ, KF4JK. KM4NUX NS4H

Respectfully submitted by **Mo (NS4H)**

### **Minutes amended to include:**

Moment of silence for KK4KF Bill Myers

NS4H declared secretary

Treasurer's report Accepted

Last month's meeting waived due to circumstances

Voted \$250 hamfest printing budget

Voted to increase the dues to \$30/ year pending update of by laws

Tabled discussion regarding monthly membership fund

Meeting was adjourned @2031

My apology for the oversights