

PARC Minutes: 19 Nov 2015

Officers Present:

Neil Light, KK4VHX, Pres.  
Michael Fregger, KJ4ECP, Treas.

Members Present:

Tony, AK4ZI  
Gary, KF4JK  
Frank, W4RH  
Scott, AC5LT  
Curt, WA4BOZ  
Steve, KB4OID  
Steve, N4GXX  
Dean, KV4RL  
Bob, KK4SSM  
Ralph, KM4JJS

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

The secretary's report of the October meeting were read and approved (Motion: Fregger, Second: Strom, Vote: Unanimous)

Michael, KJ4ECP, provided the Treasurer's report of the account balances (Checking: \$226.40; Savings: \$8345.03) and that there are 49 members. He also presented the budget for next year, which will be approved by the executive committee. Report was approved (Motion: Fregger, Second: Strom, Vote: Unanimous).

Frank, W4RH, gave the report of the status of the repeaters. The Duke Field and 146.79 repeaters are good. Still looking at the weak signal problem with the 440 repeater. It is felt that the combination of reject only duplexers (only 55db) and the good sensitivity figures of the receiver are causing the problem. Will continue to look at options. Also, looking at fixing up the old GE Master II repeater used at the 79 site and using it as a spare.

Neil, KK4VHX, provided the station report describing the renovation work. They still have a few things to do on the electrical work, including other parts of the building, and when completed will cut everyone over to the new service configuration at the same time.

Neil also reported that the website is working good.

Tony, AK4ZI, provided the VE report. There is a new ham from the session held just the previous Saturday. He was worried that another problem with the processing of new licenses might affect this, but the candidate got her license quickly.

Dean, KV4RL, provided the Hamfest report. We have the tickets. We will be looking to sign the contract after the first of the year, but Dean warned that it might not be \$1400 as it has been. He will try to see what the Fairgrounds intends to charge beforehand, as budget is a concern for us right now.

Neil reported the Cottonmouth 100 was covered well by ARES members for its 30 hour duration and that the participants were impressed by our capabilities.

Steve, N4GXX, provided a report of ARES activity for Okaloosa County. Just before noon on Wed., 18 Nov., there was an ARES activation initiated by the EOC over concern about monitoring the severe weather coming in over the coast. 6 ops. participated. He mentioned that the long range forecasts are for a colder/wetter winter, indicating we may have another icing event this year. He also mentioned that there are informal plans for a local scope "SET", kicked off by CODE RED, sometime around May. He mentioned that CODE RED will eventually be replaced by a statewide system that allows more granular control of groups to notify. When it goes into place we will have to re-register.

OLD BUSINESS:

The amended by-laws were presented (and will be posted on-line). They will be voted on at the next business meeting.

Because the next business meeting date is the night of the Tri-Club party, it was approved to move it to Dec. 3 (replacing the Tech. night). (Motion: Blair, Second: Naylor, Vote: Unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS:

The "Friends of PARC" fundraising campaign was discussed. Earl, W4LLX, has kicked it off with a pledge. Neil would like to use these funds for making improvements without depleting the treasury. One such effort would be to pay the estimated \$650 for sheetrock in the clubhouse.

The new lease went into effect in October. We will pay \$95 per month. Also ADSO is being billed directly for utilities, and will charge the proper allocation to us each month when they are billed.

The club approved paying the back rent that was due. (Motion: Blair, Second: Naylor, Vote: Unanimous)

Neil also mentioned that the ADSO is wanting to have an open house in January and that we could participate.

Meeting adjourned on motion and unanimous approval.