

# ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

August 10, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

The Club Opened Englewood Amateur Radio Society meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at (19:06) by Jon Pellant, President.

**Reports:** The Secretary's report from the June 8, 2021, meeting, were submitted by Secretary Hoffman to members by email. Motion to accept same by Steve Froggatt, 2nd by Jon Blincoe. Minutes accepted as presented in Meetings notes & minutes email.

Treasurer's Balance Report as of July 13, 2021, Submitted by Bob McAlister \$5,766.41 and \$ 53.00 Petty Cash, Total \$5,819.41 Two dues' payments in today's mail to be deposited \$30.00

**Correspondence:** - Two dues checks & Huntsville AL ARC Hamfest.

**Members Present via Meet & COC:** Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AII /Vice President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE/ Treasurer, H. Hoffman WA9LFQ/Secretary, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Pam Eggleton K1UEG, , Michael Reid N3MR, Karl Kaukis, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, Jim Porter K8PBA, John Hodgens. KN4PHQ, John Babbitt K2GQG. Collaborators all, with EARS in the Ham Radio Fraternity.

**Missed members or Mangled Call-Signs?** Contact WA9LFQ.

\*\*\*\* Meeting with 9 members present at Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 4 on Meet. 13 total participants on board, thank you all.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sunshine** – None to report this past month. If you know of any club members that are ailing, please contact an officer with mailing information.
- **ARES** – (Formerly RACES) – ARES alert for possible activity during Fred's conceivable graduation to a damaging storm this weekend, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Pam Eggleton discussed Light House Weekend; There is some confusion due to Fort Meyers Ham Clubs possible activity. EARS has been granted permission to operate, pending insurance and detail submissions. The Park authorities have waived the fee for this year.

- **Publicity** – No activity
- **DX** – Band conditions were dismal this past month w/Cycle #25 Sunspot activity is resting. Based on total average count for the July period flux period was 68-74..
- **Training & Testing** – Six (6) New candidates passed Technician's exam with CERT Training. Also, members, Jim Nelson (W4AII) and Steve Churchill (N9USZ) had family members who crossed the border into ham hood. Congratulations are in order for Steve's (nephew)(KD9SSU) and Jim's (grandson)(K04SGB). More chips off the old blocks? Please see presentation synopsis for that we are doing.
- **Technology** – Various projects under County control are progressing. Funding for the shared facility located at the El Jobean/776/Fair Activity Park/Base Ball Park radio facility were discussed. Club members and EARS will benefit greatly from the upgrade since the current outdated K8ONV system is now operating with equipment manufactured in the early 1980's. Police LMR equipment barely fully solid state with quartz crystals for frequency control. Future discussion with the membership will take place. SEE OLD BUSINESS TARC will be expanding its Arden Net capabilities to the Southern area of Sarasota County.
- **Ham-Fests** – Huntsville Alabama Amateur Radio Club hosting August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> event. See website for details. [www.hamfest.org](http://www.hamfest.org)

**OLD BUSINESS:** Current proposal for K8ONV at the Ballfield location calls for redirecting the antenna to a more southern coverage pattern, rack-mounted repeater assembly, combiner duplexer, and other upgrades. County will pay for ½ of the estimated cost of \$4,000 cost if donations and EARS participate.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion followed regarding logging software. Presentation after the meeting will be Bob McAlister efforts to mesh a fundamental member data base program that he programmed with MS Access to track EARS membership, financial resources, member information, and logging for EARS club events. The Comcast facility located in South Charlotte County may become another possible ham repeater site if it is upgraded with new CCFLARS/ARES improvements. Discussion followed that it would be appropriate to change the El Jobean repeater call sign to the EARS Club familiar Call of N4EAR, reserving the K8ONV for other activities and purposes.

**Adjournment:** Called by Jon Blincoe, 2cnd by Steve Froggatt at 20:11, August 10, 2021. The next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> 7 Pm at Chamber of Commerce and on NEET. ALL interested persons are welcome!

**IMPORTANT K8ONV OPERATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to Government interventions, the introduction of Hurricane Season, and Summer has occurred. Therefore, ECHOLINK service, may be interrupted by storms, internet outages, power interruptions, and unforeseen events.**

### ***EARS After Meeting Show & Tell***

Bob McAlister KN4RKE, provided a demonstration/desertion regarding his Club data management software utilizing the Microsoft Access Application.

Access is part of the current Microsoft Office Tools package.

His Application ties the member database to a, still in development, automatic logging application that is straight forward and may even be automatically linked to an HF Radio for contesting. Very talented & ambitious. Tnx, Jim, for your efforts on the behalf of EARS.

73, be safe, and careful everybody! WA9LFQ