

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

July 13, 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.

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

Correspondence: - (Ft) Pierce County Aug. Hamfest Invitation

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, Paul Needham KB3YKS, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Pam Eggleton K1UEG, Bill Dolan W2CWL, Michael Reid N3MR, Bill Reid K7WWR, Don Sans, all collaborators with EARS in the Ham Radio Fraternity. Missed members or Mangle Call-Signs? Contact WA9LFQ.

**** Meeting with 12 members at Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 1 on Meet. 13 total participants on board, thank you all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sunshine** – None to report this past month.
- **ARES** – (Formerly RACES) – Jon Pellant resigned from his current leadership role due to time constraints. Jon Pellant is still active in the organization, and Tom Chance took Jon's place. ARES Net operated during Hurricane ELSA with 41 check in's. WinLink & Digipeater transmission access issues are being studied. The 2018 Hurricane Irma shelter incident led to progress regarding the resolution of the transmission failure. Jon Pellant demoed the recently released high-speed modem with 30Khz bandwidth. Pam Eggleton discussed Light House weekend; Doug Frasier will assist in site location and reservation.

- **Publicity** – No activity
- **DX** – Band conditions are continuing to improve w/cycle #25 sunspot activity slowly returning.
- **Training & Testing** – No activity
- **Technology** – Various projects under County control slowly progressing. See Old Business for detail.
- **Ham-Fests** – Pierce County Amateur Radio Club hosting August 14th event. See club website for details.

OLD BUSINESS: ARRL Summer Field on July 26 occurred successfully. Held at Ann Dever County Park. Participating: Cliff Evens K3CF, Angel Grusco, Jim Reske NB3P, H Hoffman WA9LFQ, Bob McAlister KN4RKE, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Pam Eggleton K1UEG. Operators completed contacts with NY, TN, MI, GA locations w/QSLs. Operating Hours were limited to Saturday, July 26, 2021, from 2 pm to 8 pm. Weather interrupted our event at 6 pm.

Discussion followed regarding logging software and replacement computers for Club's current laptops. They are ancient Windows 95 and XP machines. Jon Pellant can get some laptops that are from the modern era that may work better.

NEW 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 \$4,000 cost if donations and EARS participate. Current EOC communications at Murdock, Punta Gorda, and other locations have been upgraded and added to the digital messaging network with some improvements.

Adjournment: Called by Doug Frasier, 2nd by Jon Blincoe at 20:08. August 10th, 7 Pm Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce on August 10, 2021, at 19:00. ALL interested persons are welcome!

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

Jon Pellant, W1JP, provided desertion regarding WinLin and Standardized Form 13 message format protocol for ARES/EOC message handling emergency training, exercises, and emergency operations.