

# ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

May 11, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. (19:06) Led by James Nelson VP.

Secretary's Report Accepted– Motion to accept by Bob McAllister 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Blincoe, accepted as submitted by H. Hoffman, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by Stephen Froggatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Nelson. \$5,418.04 in account on April 20 statement, Current \$5444.41 T Shirt Sales \$ 30.00, Petty Cash \$53.00 on May 11, 2021. Move by Steve Froggatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Blincoe to accept.

**Correspondence:** - No meaningful correspondence

Members Present: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President (Meet Failure & Illness caused absence), Jim Nelson W4AI /Vice President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Paul Needham KB3YXS, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Doug Vanderlaan K8RFT, John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, and Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ,  
Did I miss any members or Mangle Call-Signs? \*\*\*\*\* Meeting in person at Englewood Chamber of Commerce. Google Meet no member with 10 in person members on board, thank you all.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sunshine** – Victor Emmelcamp, K4VHX Update
- **ARES** – (Formerly RACES) – Emergency Repeater equipment in place at Doug Frasier QTH operating on 433.00 Mhz. Cert Members completed Technician Class Training and testing success. Congratulation to KE5ODR and his partners, Testing took place on April 24<sup>th</sup> with 100% SUCCESS. Doug, KE5ODR also completed 6 meter antenna prototype. *Our thanks to Doug and his contributions to EARS.*
- **Publicity** – Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, ARRL Field Day on June 26<sup>th</sup> needs information for local publicity. Secretary to send info. *Huge TNX to Ken for his efforts on behalf of EARS*

- **DX** – Band conditions are improving, measurably with sunspot activity with 40 Meter Band skip on occasion.. Actual activity is rising on 20/40 and an occasional rare conversation on 80 meters.
- **Training & Testing** – see Doug Frasier at ARES news.
- **Technology** – W4XE Repeater is back on the air after a short outage.
- **Ham-Fests** – ARRL Pinelo West Central Florida and Dayton activity discussion.
- **Repeater** – Repeater site at the tower located at Home Depot and McCall Rd. discussion. Nothing definite.

**OLD BUSINESS:** ARRL Summer Field became responsibility of yours truly, WA9LFQ, who firmly believes the ARRL Summer Field Day needs to have membership and ham participation. At this time Bob McAlister and Herman Hoffman will set up a single station at Ann Dever County Park at 6791 San Casa Drive with the EARS Club radio and Bob's home brew SPYDER antenna on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> for the activity. Herman will bring other club paraphernalia to the site awaiting installers and operators. All are **WELCOME**, FD starts at 2PM. Water, sunscreen, snacks, hats, et all will be needed to stay safe. Come early to setup and stay late to operate.

Motion to move club checking account to Englewood Bank & Trust made by Jon Blincoe and seconded by Steve Froggatt. Unanimous approval.

**No New Business-ADJOURNMENT-** called by Steve Froggatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Nelson at 19:52. June 8<sup>th</sup> 7 Pm Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce

**IMPORTANT MINUTES 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 difficulties.**

Doug Vanderlann, K8RFT, provided an after meeting in service review regarding BaoFeng antenna counterpoise compromises and do & don't. Remarkably interesting discussion followed. *Thank you, Doug V. K8RFT*

**SAFE TRAVELS TO OUR SNOW BIRD MEMBERS & FRIENDS!**

**Tnx & 73's We look forward to your early return!**