



Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Business Meeting

January 7, 2008

I. Call to order

Bill (N4WEB) called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30PM on January 7th, 2008.

II. Roll call

There were 14 sign-ins on the sheet.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The Secretary reported that we had a Christmas Party as our last meeting.

IV. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present.

V. External

Mike (NI4M) reports that the repeaters are repeating.

VI. Internal

Bart (AF4TK) reports the all is well, and Logic is running. There are new radios in-house (an ID-800 and a TM-V71A). The Geezer Gear is working. People can plan to come down to the clubhouse on Wednesday night and Sunday morning to operate this marvelous radio gear. Al (KI4IOR) & Rita (KI4QIP) have kindly donated a real honest-to-goodness gooseneck lamp for this station.

VII. Facilities

Bill (N4WEB) reports that he's started putting the pipe in the hole. The front door now has an access ramp. There are plenty of things to do on Saturday mornings, if you are so inclined (or the wife lets you out of

the house...) If you wish to operate during a time when the clubhouse is not normally open, send an email or call one of the board members, and we'll make arrangements to let you in.

VIII. ARES/RACES

Keating (KC4HSI) reports that there will NOT be an ARECC Level I class on the 12th. The calendar will be updated to reflect this change. Lu (W4LT) reported on a new piece of software for radio emcomm work that allows RTTY & PSK-capable setups to send email from a MS Outlook client. It's from <http://w1hkj.com/NBEMS/> and is highly recommended.

IX. CERT

Jodi (KI4FWJ) reminded us that there will be a "Get to Know Your Radio Night" Wednesday at 7PM, at the clubhouse. There will be a CERT refresher class at Tampa Fire Rescue headquarters on Thursday. The City of Tampa is again tapping CERT for communication equipment testing, to include Satellite phones, Nextel phones, and the MARC unit. On January 19th, Universal Studio is holding a CERT training exercise that promises to be a lot of fun. Lu (W4LT) saw a Channel 10 News item about CERT on the 6th of June.

XX. QSL Cards

Herb (AG4TO) reported that we are up-to-date on our QSL cards.

XXI. Field Day

We are searching for a Field Day Chairman – anyone interested should contact Bill (N4WEB) at N4WEB@hamclub.org.

XXII. Election

Elections are coming up. Nominations are due at the next Business meeting (February 4th, 2008). There are 5 seats up for re-election (Seats 1&2, and seats 7, 8, and 9). Lu (W4LT) has been chosen as the Election Committee chairman.

XXIII. By-Law review

Biff (K4LAW) has been tasked with reviewing the constitution and By-Laws.

XXIV. The Al Burke Estate

It has been decided to use a committee to manage the funds, and a by-laws change will be needed to do so.

XXV. TARCfest XIX

TARCfest is coming quickly. Get the word out: April 12th is TARCfest XIX and August 23rd is TARCfest XX!

XXVI. Orlando HamCation

February 8th, 9th, and 10th. Be there.

XXVII. Repeater voting project

It's currently in the planning stages. Lu (W4LT) is going to model the current RF plot of the '105, and we'll determine where best to put voter sites from there. This is a currently un-funded project; money for same is coming out-of-pocket.

XXVIII. Solar Cycle 24

Solar Cycle 24 has started! Yeah!

XXIX. Name & Call sign list

Bill (N4WEB) will work towards getting this list published.

XXX. Adjournment

Bart (AF4TK) so moved at 8:20 & Keating (KC4HSI) seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Keating Floyd (KC4HSI).

Minutes approved by: **Not yet approved.**