

## North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club

October 12, 2017

### Minutes

The October business meeting of NOARC was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ron Mahn, KI5FR. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer, introductions were made. President Mahn welcomed everyone. He then introduced Randy McDaniel, KI4YKO, Okaloosa EOC Director. Mr. McDaniel stated, "HAMs are eyes and ears in the shelters. They gave essential information to the EOC regarding problems in the shelters during Hurricanes Irma and Nate." The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department, Health Department, Red Cross and Okaloosa County School District all had representatives in the shelters.

President Mahn made the following announcements:

- ◆ The property at 1<sup>st</sup> and Webb Streets has been sold. The club has already outgrown the site.

- ◆ The club's obligation to the church was identified as the most important short-term goal.

- ◆ Nominations are due for "HAM of the Year", as well as, names of 2 others who have done outstanding work for the club.

- ◆ Club dues are \$20 for members and \$12 for associates. Dues should be paid in January.

- ◆ There are members needing thoughts and prayers.

Secretary:

Shirley, KK4PUG, the September minutes were approved without objection.

Treasurer:

There was no treasurer's report.

Reports:

- 1) ARES: Steve, N4GXX, thanked all those who helped during the hurricanes.
- 2) Repeater: Steve, N4GXX, said there were no problems with the repeater.
- 3) Training: Mike, W4BZM, no report at this time. He praised Ron and Bruce for a job well done.
- 4) Website: Arc, W4CPD, stated that pictures and notes are welcome.
- 5) Library: Mike, KK4LLS, explained how to check out the books.

- 6) New Station: Scott, KF6LEC, stated that further work would begin when the weather is cooler.
- 7) Volunteer Examiners: Craig, KK4WDQ, reported that we are getting closer to establishing our own team of examiners. For those interested in becoming an examiner, there is an application of the ARRL website.
- 8) SARNET: Mike, KK4LLS, explained that the problems that were noted during Hurricane Irma had been reported to the network administrator.
- 9) Activities:

October –

JOTA – 21<sup>st</sup> Will be held at Lakewood, the highest point in Florida.

HAM and a Biscuit – 28<sup>th</sup> at the Casbah

Mainstreet Fall Festival – 28<sup>th</sup> NOARC will have a booth.

LOBC Fall Festival – 31<sup>st</sup> Parking assistance has been requested.

November – Veterans Day Parade

December –

Tri-County Christmas Party

Crestview Christmas Parade

Tech Night Schedule:

November – Tentative: “The Art of the (Fox) Hunt”, Tuesday, 11/14

December – No Tech Night

January – Hotspots using digital modes without repeaters, Arc, W5CPD, presenter

Old Business: None.

New Business: NOARC Fall Festival Booth. Arc, W4CPD, moved that we spend up to \$60 for candy for the booth. Seconded by Shirley, KK4PUG. Motion passed.

Announcements:

Volunteer Hours recorded at this meeting: 326

- NOARC -- 87
- Community – 239

A testing session will be held after the meeting.

Following the drawing for Door Prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.