

## **PALM BEACH PACKET GROUP**

### **MINUETS OF MEETING 12 APRIL 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Doug WB4KGY at 7:10 PM Those present introduced themselves. The following Hams signed the sign-in-sheet: WB4KGY, W2TMT, WA4PAM, WB4MOZ, K6SO, KF4ATC, KD2CK, KD4LXB, WA8DAF and guest K2EEE George.

Frank WA4PAM gave the Treasurers report, which was accepted. Tom W2TMT read the minuets of the March meeting.

#### **Technical Report:**

John WB4MOZ has been working on a project to up-date the clocks on the switches around the state. He has had success with this and is now working on the setting of the date.

John and Doug visited the Boca site where a new tri-band antenna has been installed to replace the dual band antenna. A person in Joe WB4TEM's coffee group donated the new antenna and tri-plexer to the packet group. Doug indicated that the equipment room had been sprayed with insulation and that all the equipment was covered with spray. he spent some time cleaning this up. They found that the computer at the site had failed and a new one was obtained. John and Doug tuned the duplexer. At that site we have 2 UHF transmitters, a 220 transmitter and 2 2 meter transmitters all going to the one antenna. The LAN frequency is 145.070 mhz,

At the Lake Harbor site the tower was recently painted and the workers reported that there was a broken antenna on the tower, this was the Packet Group antenna. The site is still working. At the Ibis site a new duplexer was installed which has increased the range of the APRS system.

#### **Old Business:**

Frank reported that was still no word on the guy wire for the tower at the LaBelle site.

John has sent a number of requests to our tower climber and has not received a response. It looks like we will have to make other arrangements.

Frank questioned the status of doing something for the hospital and Doug indicated that he should get some dates and he would set it up.

Marvin gave a report on the VA Hospital indicating they were still working on the roof. The winlink node is down and they are sending messages by the internet.

#### **New and Informations**

Gary WA8DAF gave a report on the PBPG web page indicating that it had been down due to a software problem but was now operational. Gary indicated that he tries to keep the page up-to-date and has put some new links to various digital protocalls on the site Gary gave the password for the secure members area. He has posted some links to CQ and QST and has posted all the FCC regulations and info on license renewals. Gary is looking for input on what should be on the website. It was suggested that the minuets of our meetings be posted. A discussion was held on what should be confidential and placed on the site.

Frank indicated that he has a new Ham Club membership software program which supports club activities and that he has found it quite useful for keeping track of membership, dues, assets etc. Gary indicated he would take or retake members photographs just need to set a date for him.

The status of the March of Dimes walk-a-thon was discussed and a dry-run was to be held this coming Saturday 4-14. The net control for the event will be on 147.550 mhz PL 110.9 hz and that their APRS would operate on 144.500 mhz.

**The West Palm club had changed their meeting place - info is available at their web site.**

**New Business:**

**There was no new business.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Tom Thompson, W2TMT**