

PALM BEACH PACKET GROUP

MINUETS OF MEETING 10 MAY 2007

The meeting was called to order by Doug WB4KGY at 7:05 PM. Those present introduced themselves. The following Hams signed the sign-in-sheet: W2TMT, WB4KGY, AC4HC, WA8DAF, WB4MOZ, KD4LXB and WA4PAM.

Frank, WA4PAM gave the Treasurers report, which was accepted. The minuetts of the April 2007 meeting had been posted on the PBPG web page, there were no additions or corrections.

Technical Report:

Doug reported that the link from Lake Placid to West Palm was down, the problem is at the Okeechobee site. Operations were able to continue by going through the Lake Harbor site. It will be some time before he can get up to the Okeechobee site to look at it.

Lake Harbor Site. The antenna is broken. A new antenna has been obtained and the defective one will be replaced the next time someone climbs the tower.

West Palm Beach. A new tower climber has been found, This man said he would work for a whole day, anything we want for \$500.00. The antenna on the top of the tower will be changed to one cut for the ham bands. The tri-band antenna below it will also be replaced and will have the PVC sleeve over it as will all the new antennas.

Old Business

The March-of-dimes event went well. Doug helped set up the APRS trackers and tuned some cavities for them. Doug mentioned that the Packet Group has been asked to help with the Palm Beach Run in December.

News and Information

On May 2nd, Doug, John and Frank met with reps of the hospital at Clewiston where they gave a presentation on TelPak and WinLink. This was well received and new equipment has been purchased to implement operations at that site.

Gary indicated that some work has been done on the web page and if anyone is having any problems please contact him. There is a new link to a series of band plan sheets that are useful and easy to read. look under "band plan 20 meters" to find this link.

New Business

Hugh indicated that he was putting on a ARECC level one course at the EOC on 26 May and 2 June.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Note - The next regular meeting will be in the Fall.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Thompson W2TMT