

**PALM BEACH PACKET GROUP
MINUETS OF MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Doug, WB4KGY at 7:10 PM. Those present were: Doug WB4KGY, Andy KF4ATC, Jamey KD4LXB, Hugh AG4HC, Marvin KD2CK, Howie KB2BBG and Tom W2TMT.

Frank WA4PAM our Treasurer was not present; however Doug indicated that the report was unchanged from last month.

The Minuets of the previous meeting were accepted as posted on the PBPG web page. No additions or corrections.

Technical Report.

Doug indicated that there was not much to report. Doug indicated that there has been much discussion about the problems with the Lenix version of Fpac. Doug said that our DOS versions have been performing very well.

Marvin reported that telpac node at the VA Hospital is off the air and probably will not be back up until January 2008. This was caused by the assignment of a new site where no electric or telephone have been installed. Howie reported that the Red Cross has acquired a new satellite system which will allow for computer and telephone hook ups.

Old Business.

Doug reported that the tower company which had done some work for us has moved to Ormand Beach; however their lead guy has stayed in the area and is doing work in Palm Beach County. The Clewiston Hospital is still waiting for the new telpac up-dates and hopefully when John gets home that will be accomplished. Both Gary and Frank were not in attendance but the web page is still up and running so there is no up-date on that issue.

News and Info.

Doug reported that there is a new APRS web site, "aprs.fi" which uses google maps with lots of information available. Motorola has purchased Yaesu (80%) We will have to wait to see the impact of this. There is a new D-Star repeater in Jupiter. (D-Star is a digital repeater, you need special equipment to use it.) W2TMT reported that there will be a VE test session on the 15th of December at the Royal Palm Beach Fire Station on Royal Palm Beach Blvd. at 9:00 AM There will also be ARECC testing available at this session.

New Business.

Next Month is elections and everyone needs to think along this line. Doug indicated that he cannot run for President next year because he is going to

be moving out to Washington. Doug asked that the membership think about getting more involved.

Additional Info.

Okeechobee hamfest on Nov 24th.

Tampa Bay hamfest on Dec 1 and 2.

Silver Springs Radio Club hamfest on Dec 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Tom Thompson W2TMT