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**MEETING MINUTES FOR:
April 10, 2008**



Attendees: Andy Czermann, David Fowler, John Green, Frank Harris, Marvin Kaskawits, Bob Pasqale, Howie Silver, Tom Thompson, Jamey Timberman, Doug Welcker, Gary Wilson, Joel Yates

President John opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and asked for the **Secretaries report** of the previous meeting. After review of the minutes a motion to accept as presented was made by Frank Harris, second by Jamie Timberman. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was presented and explained by Frank Harris. After some discussion, a motion to accept as presented was made by Jamie Timberman, seconded by Doug Welcker. Motion passed.

Technical: Doug tuned up another Mitrek radio which was installed on April 8th.
LaBelle – Frank reported us that the power had been turned off. All PBPG equipment has been removed since the site is no longer secure and has no power. Frank also updated us on the construction of a new EOC center in LaBelle that is planned. He has reviewed the layout and talked with some of the people who will be playing a major role in its operation.
Okeechobee – Before the summer hiatus we hope to fix the 446 trunk to Lake Placid.
Lake Placid – One amplifier and computer still must be delivered. Computer is losing date and time and is very old needs to be replaced.
Boca – site is still off the air - a trip may be required to help bring it back on the air.
Palm Beach APRS is out - may be operating on low power. (a follow up note - the aprs is working, there was a problem with the aprs radio).

Old Business: No old business

New Business: See Technical above. This meeting will be the last official meeting until after our summer break. John will email us when he returns. We need to continue to meet socially at this location so we keep our presence known with the restaurant. Marvin shared an email with John who requested our webmaster to post to our website for all to see. The repeater in Palms West is working again. David updated everyone of at least seven new amateurs are now qualified to operate after receiving their license. David will encourage them to get involved with packet. For more information on training classes go to <http://www.freewebs.com/pwarc/> and read the upcoming events info.

Howie reported the Red Cross will be starting their hurricane meetings shortly.

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John reported many changes have been made to WinLink and PacLink and PostOffice will be replaced. Several hamfest in April with Tampa this weekend. Everyone encourage to attend.

John is adding a short session to each meeting for everyone to talk about swap items. A good time to sell and acquire equipment. Gary encouraged everyone to use the website and add to the items that may be of interest to other members.

With no further business, Frank motioned we end the business meeting, seconded by Marvin. Motion passed. Members then enjoyed a program provided by Doug and Frank with a simplistic approach of how to use the packet system. We adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting will be communicated by President John after the summer break. During the summer, we will still gather on the same frequency at New China Buffet located at 5841 Lake Worth Rd, Lake Worth, FL 33463. Members, guest and XYL's and YL's welcome.

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AGENDA:

Welcome / Introductions

Reports: Secretary Gary
Treasurer Frank
Technical Doug / John

Lake Harbor - Doug tuned up another Mitrek radio which was installed on April 8th.
LaBelle - Frank inquired about the status of the site and was informed that the power has been turned off, We went over to the site and removed all PBPG equipment.
Oke - Before leaving we hope to get up to Oke and fix the 446 trunk to Lake Placid.
Lake Placid - We still have the amplifier and spare computer to deliver.
Boca - the site is still off the air, we may have to make a trip to help get it on the air.

Old Business:

Other:

New Business:

LaBelle - Frank is looking into a temporary site for the LaBelle APRS Digi
Eventually, it is hoped that all (Fpac and APRS) will be located at the new EOC.

Last Meeting till Fall - Those that want to can meet for a get together..

Other:

News & Info:

Palms West - Tom Thompson, W2TMT
Clewiston / LaBelle - Frank Harris, WA4PAM
WPB_ARC - Kevin Boldt, KI4IGW
Palm Beach ARC / ARRL - Jeff Beals, WA4AW
Red Cross - Howie Silver, KB2BBG

Other: RMSpacket is released, this replaces Telpac. Thanks to the Winlink Development Team
See winlink.org - the site has been redone and is quite different.
Hamfests: 4/12 - TARCfest (Tampa) www.hamclub.org
4/19 Flamigo Net / UMARC Free Flea (Coral Gables) www.FlamigoNet.8m.net
4/25-26 Gainesville Poorman's hamfest & Computer www.gars.net
There are more - go to arrrl.org/hamfests

Frank is accepting dues anytime - renewals and new memberships.
If you would like to get involved we could use your help.

Swap Items:

Adjourn:

Technical Session: Doug Welcker WB4KGY

Date: 4-10-2008

PBPG MEMBERSHIP CHECKIN SHEET

(Please place a "X" in the circle to the left of your name if present)

Andrew Czermann "Andy" -
KF4ATC

Robert J. Timberman "Jamey" -
KD4LXB

Hubert C. Connelly "Hugh" -
AF4HC

Doug Welcker -
WB4KGY

David Fowler -
K4DLF

Gary D. Wilson -
WA8DAF

John H. Green -
WB4MOZ

Joel L. Yates Jr.,
N4JOA

Frank C. Harris, Sr. -
WA4PAM

Marvin Kaskawits -
KD2CK

Alan M. Kessler -
WB2BQK

Robert Pasqale "Bob" -
WD9ATM

Howard Silver "Howie" -
KB2BBG

Tommy Thompson "Tom" -
W2TMT

**Palm Beach Packet
February 29 2008**

Savings Opening Balance	Feb 1 2008	804.67
Saving Account Ending Balance	Feb 29 2008	\$804.67
Checking Account Opening Balance	Feb-08	\$419.25
Total of Checks Written		\$0.00
Deposits		
	2/13/2008	\$60.00
Total Deposits		\$60.00
Checking Account Ending Balance	4/29/2008	\$479.25
CD Opening Balance	10/26/2006	\$4,320.19
Interest		227.77
CD Ending Balance	12/31/2006	\$4,531.83
Total Assets		\$5,815.75

SOUTH FLORIDA FPAC SWITCHES

Updated on April 8, 2008

CITY	ADDRESS	CALL-SW/DIGI	FREQ	PORT	NOTES	SYSTEM	CONTACT
Arcadia	863494	W4MIN-9/8	145.690	1	LAN	Linux FPAC	KN4YT
	863245		446.050	2	> SRQ/BRNSVILLE - 9.6kb		
	863264		441.000	3	> SOUTH		
	863244	W4MIN-6		5	CO-LOCATED TELPAC NODE		
BROWNSVILLE	863410	KN4YT-9/8	446.050	2	> ARC/SRQ FPAC		KN4YT
	863400		441.025	3	> LK PLACID		
BOCA RATON	561994	WB4QNX-9/8	145.070	1	LAN	FPAC	WB4TEM/
	561130		145.670	2	FAU		PBPG
	561101		223.400	3	>		
	561104		445.325	4	BBS FWDG		
	561131		440.975	5	Spare Trunk		
	561132		445.975	6	>WPB - 9.6kb		
FORT PIERCE	772460	WA4SLC-9/8	145.530	0	LAN	Linux FPAC	KAIVRF
			223.400		> WPB & OKEE		
			445.900		>		
			441.075		> WPB & LAKE HARBOR - 9.6kb		
LAKE HARBOR	561996	WB4KGY-8/9	145.010	1	LAN	FPAC	PBPG*
	561322		445.025	2	>		
	561321		223.440	3	> OKEE - 9.6kb		
	561323		440.075	4	> WPB & Ft Pierce - 9.6kb		
	561324		441.000	5	>		
LAKE PLACID	863465	KK4LI-9/8	144.970	1	> LAN	FPAC	K4ZNB/
	863699		441.025	2	> ARCADIA		KN4YT
	863698		446.025	3	> OKE		

CITY	ADDRESS	CALL-SW/DIGI	FREQ	PORT	NOTES	SYSTEM	CONTACT
MELBOURNE	321254	W4MLB-9/8	145.090	1	LAN	Linux FPAC	KD4DJW
	321259		223.420	3	> ALL POINTS NORTH		
	321723		440.900	2	> VERO BEACH		
OKEECHOBEE	863357	K4OKE-9/8	145.570	1	LAN	FPAC	KF4EA
	863467		223.400	2	> ALL POINTS		
	863763		446.025	3	> LK PLACID		
SARASOTA/	941371	W4NTV-9/8	145.090	1	LAN	FPAC	KN4YT
VENICE	941377		446.050	2	> TAMPA/ARC/BRNSVILLE		
VERO BEACH	772562	W4OT-9/8	144.910	1	LAN	FPAC	K4LVE
(Presently	772569		440.900	2	> MELBOURNE		
OFF the	772567		445.900	3	> STUART		
Air)	772563		145.690	5	RACES		
WEST PALM	561655	K4PKT-9/8	145.030	1	LAN	FPAC	WPBG*
	561793		145.630	2	LAN - 9.6kb		
	561111		223.400	3	>		
	561113		445.075	4	BBS FORWARDING - 9.6kb		
	561112		440.075	6	> BOCA RATON		
How to use a FPAC SWITCH							
4. To what, where, or who							
5. Where I'm going INTO the network							
6. Where I'm going OUT of the network							
It is as easy as 1 2 3 Or rather 1 VIA 2, 3							
Example: W2TMT v K4PKT-8, 561655 Connection to Tom (W2TMT) via WPB							
SWITCH and out V WPB							
OR							

HEARD v k4pkt-9, 863357 Connection to **Heard** List going in at **WPB** out in **Okeechobee**