

**PALM BEACH PACKET GROUP INC.
MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 9 2009 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at our regular meeting site by President John Green WB4MOZ. The following hams signed the attendance sheet: John WB4MOZ, Frank WA4PAM, Gary WA8DAF, Joel N4JOA, Jamey KD4LXB, Bob WD9ATM, Jeff WA4AW, David K4DLF, Andrew KF4ATC, Hugh AG4HC, Doug WB4KGY and Tom W2TMT.

The minutes for the March 2009 meeting were accepted with corrections. (corrected minutes will be placed on the groups web site) Copies of thank you letters sent to George L. Sweatt W4QJP and James M. Johnson W4JBZ were received.

Frank WA4PAM indicated that he did not have a Treasurers report. Frank will send the report to Gary for posting on the web site.

Technical Report: Doug reported that he and John made a trip around the lake stopping at the Okeechobee Site where they found all in order. They then went to Lake Placid where they found the radio on the wrong frequency. Setting this radio on the correct frequency restored the Lake Placid to Okeechobee link. They then proceeded to LaBelle, where they met with Frank and went to the hospital where they tried to put the APRS digi on the air. They found that "RF" was getting into the power supply, causing the voltage to increase. They took all the equipment to Frank's house to try another power supply. No luck. They brought the power supply back to Doug's house where he made the repair, (replaced transistors). Frank will take the power supply and install it. That should put LaBelle APRS on the air.

Old Business: Thank you letters mentioned above have been mailed. Signature cards for the bank accounts are being processed. Frank is going to change the bank for the checking account to make it more convenient for him.

New Business: The Packet Group has had several more antennas donated by the SFWMD as follows: All DB Products, new in the box:

- 1 DB222-C 164 - 174 mhz
- 7 DB264-C 164 - 174 mhz
- 2 DB304-B 155 - 165 mhz
- 4 DB304L-C 164 - 174 mhz

These antennas are for sale, contact Doug WB4KGY at 561 686 3747 or wb4kgy@bellsouth.net for additional information on these antennas.

It was requested that Gary make a place on the web site for list equipment that the group has for sale.

David reported that ARES RACES is going to have a picnic in John Prince Park and he wanted to know if it would be possible to put the info on the packet system. Something much the same as we use to make notification of the Group's meetings. John indicated that both he and Joel have BBS's running and messages or bulletins can be posted there. In addition John asked Joel if he could change or add the picnic information to his BBS beacon.

John said that this would be the last meeting he will attend until the fall. It is not clear if there will be a meeting in May. John encouraged all to get together for dinner and

fellowship.

News and Information:

Palms West - Jeff reported that they have an interesting speaker planned for the April 16th meeting who will talk about the history of repeaters and FM. They continue to have the show and swap and Saturday morning breakfast and Denny's in RPB.

Frank indicated that the call sign is changing on the 76 repeater it will have his call sign as, he has taken over for the other trustee.

David reported that the West Palm Club will have a visit to the Coast Guard Station in Riviera Beach in place of the regular meeting. All are welcome. Monday April 27 at 7:30 PM. Contact David for more info. April 25th is the March of Dimes event in John Prince Park, A dry run will be run on Sunday the 19th. Look for APRS activity.

Jeff reported on field day plans, The WPB and PWARC clubs will have a combined field day this year.

Howie was absent so no report on Red Cross.

John reported that World Radio is available as a on-line publication. Information is avail on the CQ website. He further listed up coming hamfests.

David reported that there were several articles on Packet in the current issue of CQ.

The meeting was adjourned a 7:30 PM

John gave a talk and demonstration on using Telnet to access the Packet network. He showed a program (free) called "Puttytel" which allows you to access the packet system via internet. It required registration (contact John WB4MOZ) and a password assignment. John distributed a instruction sheet on using Puttytel.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary