

April 3, 2010

Board Meeting

President: John H. Green (WB4MOZ)
Vice President: Jamey Timberman (KD4LXB)
Secretary: Tom Thompson (W2TMT)
Treasurer: Frank Harris (WA4PAM)
Web Master: Gary Wilson (WA8DAF)



AGENDA:

Welcome / Introductions

Reports: Secretary Tom
Treasurer Frank
Technical John

Old Business:

Other:

New Business:

Audit the PBPG Books.

Membership - how to get new members?? Etc..

501(c)3 status.

By-Laws - any changes needed?
Add to Web Site?

Items for sale / sold.

Other:

News & Info:

Adjourn:

PALM BEACH PACKET GROUP INC.

MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 31, 2010

BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President John Green, WB4MOZ, at 12:50 AM at the Black Gold Steak House in Belle Glade, FL. The following board members were present: John WB4MOZ, Gary WA8DAF, Frank WA4PAM and Tom W2TMT. Absent was Jamey KD4LXB. The agenda was distributed

Technical Report: John WB4MOZ. All switches working except the OKI to WPB trunk. John is not sure he will be able to attend to that before he leaves for the summer.

Old Business: This is the first board meeting in some time. There was no old business.

New Business:

Audit the Books: Frank, the Treasurer had FY2007 and FY2008 summary with him but did not have the FY2009 records. It was decided that Frank and Gary would get together and audit the records for 2007, 2008 and 2009. Frank will supply all the records, receipts etc. for the audit. Gary will prepare a report and send one copy to John and one copy to Tom for file. This is to be accomplished prior to the next regular meeting on April 8, 2010. The audit is being accomplished in this manner because Frank and Gary live close and can get together to get the job done.

John indicated that the last record he has of a board meeting was in 2002. The Secretary will search the records for more up-to-date information. Tom and John will go through the existing records in the fall, 2010 and consolidate the records.

Equipment: Tom has sent the Ten Tec Omni 6 to the factory for repair. He has been given approval to pay up to \$300.00 for the repairs without further authorization. Tom will notify John when the estimate is received from Ten Tec. John indicated that in the future when Club items are sold, the record of the sale will be included in the current months meeting minutes, and no further record will be kept.

Membership: We need to have an up-to-date listing of the membership and dues records. There had been discussion on having all dues renew on the same date. This makes record keeping easy. John indicated that this may require a change in the by laws. John will review the by laws. Gary was given a copy of the by laws which he will scan and put on the web site. The current by laws are dated 1994. The secretary will search the records for a later issue.

501(c)3: Last week John called the IRS and spoke with several persons. You have to be able to give the address of record prior to being able to conduct any business with the IRS. John had some difficulty determining the correct address of record. After much research and calls John was able to provide the correct address. John then changed the address of record to his address.

Since the address we used to have was invalid the notification sent to PBPG was returned to the IRS as undeliverable, so the IRS changed the status to inactive. John inquired if he could now e-file the form 990N? John was told the system was down and they are not sure that can be done. You have 3 years to file for active status and it must be done within 5 months of the end of your fiscal year which is Feb. On Wednesday John called the IRS again and asked if he could change the status to active so he could do the "E" file. The IRS agent was not able to accomplish this and told John he, the agent, would have to direct this request to someone higher up. John gave the IRS his contact information and is waiting for a reply from them. The current status is Exempt, Inactive. John stated that once the active status is set we will have to remember to E file each year between Feb and Jun. We are still in the 5 month grace period of the last year.

Equipment: John said we will not purchase any equipment unless it is needed. The areas for storage of equipment is very limited. John has antennas, radios, tncs, etc. and Tom has the coax and hardline. If the surplus antennas (new in the boxes) are not sold by fall John said he planned to keep two antennas that will operate on the ham bands and either scrap or store (in a off site location) the rest.

Frank will list the equipment on ebay that the club wants to sell.

There was a discussion on membership and how to attract new members. There were several suggestion on how to make the ham community aware of the clubs existence. All involved sending emails about the club to various ham groups. John said he had found an old flyer about the packet group that had been sent out years ago, he will try to up date that information.

Meetings: Gary asked about the club not having meetings in the summer. A discussion followed, many of the members are away for the summer but a meeting can be called during the summer months. John will provide the mailing list to Gary.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted

T. Thompson W2TMT

Secretary