

Oct.13, 2011

President: John H. Green (WB4MOZ)
Vice President: Hugh Connolly (AG4HC)
Secretary: Tom Thompson (W2TMT)
Treasurer: Frank Harris (WA4PAM)
Web Master: Gary Wilson (WA8DAF)



Agenda:

Welcome / Introductions

Reports: Secretary Tom
Treasurer Frank
Technical John

I didn't even make it home before Joel called indicating that APRS was off again. A call to the site resulted in the breaker being reset. Some time later I went up to the site and removed the gas tube protection on the AC - hopefully this will help.
During the summer my 2 mtr port locked on - I had the neighbors turn the radio off. When I got home and had some time I replaced the radio with my test radio. Lake Harbor is off - it was on when I checked after getting home..

Old Business: Meeting Location - still an issue?
Membership Database.

Other:

New Business: All purpose coupon on web site.
HSMM - where are we going?

Other:

News & Info: Palms West - Tom Thompson, W2TMT / Hugh Connolly, AG4HC
Clewiston / LaBelle - Frank Harris, WA4PAM / Gary Wilson, WA8DAF
ARRL / WPB_ARC / PBC Council - David Fowler, K4DLF / Jeff Beals. WA4AW
Red Cross - Howie Silver, KB2BBG

Other:

Hamfests: Nov 5 - South Fl. Hamfest, Delray Beach, Fl.
Nov 12 - Cy harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea, Oakland Park, Fl.
There are many more hamfests around - many on the same dates as above. Go to our website - pbpg.org or arrl.org and click on 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: HSMM

PALM BEACH PACKET GROUP INC.

MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1922 hours at the Asian Fusion Resturant, in Royal Palm Beach by President John Green, WB4MOZ. The following signed the attendance sheet: Tom, W2TMT; John, WB4MOZ; Hugh, AG4HC; Gary, WA8DAF; Ralph, N0LO; Sherry, KB5VWW; and John, K2CIB.

Secretarys' report: Tom stated that at the last meeting, August 11, 2011 no minutes were taken. A memo. for the record was prepared and is posted on the web site. The meeting for September was cancelled

Treasurers report: Frank, WA4PAM was not present therefore there was no report.

John reported that we have a new member, N4GRF, Tom Gallagher, of West Palm Beach.

Technical Report: John reported that he had a call from Joel, N4JOA indicating that the APRS system at Ibis was off the air. Apparently the breaker had faulted John removed the gas tube protector on the AC line and reset the breaker The system came back on the air and hopefully will be ok. The bbs at John's house had a problem in the radio. John replaced the radio. Lake Harbor is off the air again. The Clewiston APRS is still on the air. Okeechobee is still on the air.

Old Business: Meeting location. This is still an issue, John stated that he did not see anything wrong with the current location. A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons. Several other locations were discussed. John stated that he had been to Bone Fish Macs and he enjoyed he food, and they have a small room where a meeting could be held. Tom will check on The Carving Station on Lake Worth Road and Perkins on Lake Worth Road. to see if they might be a possible site for our meetings. The idea of having a meeting at some location other than a resturant was also discussed. We have a long history of meeting and having dinner. The possibility of going back to the New China Buffett was also put on the table. Tom reported that when he made the reservation for the current meeting he was told by the manager of the Asian Fusion, that if the resturant was busy and our group was small, they would have to seat other persons in our meeting room. John stated that we may put our a survey of the members on this subject.

Membership database. John stated that he was not able to access the database. John and Gary will work on this.

New Business: John stated that we needed to up-date the membership application form on the web site, at least to correct the dues issue. Gary will work on this.

HSMM: Ralph stated that he will be giving a presentation on HSMM at the South Florida Hamfest. in Delray Beach. Ralph stated that most of the HSMM work is being done on a independent basis. Hugh stated that most of the information on HSMM is available on the

various web sites, (search HSMM). A discussion was held on the potential problems in putting a HSMM router on a comerial radio tower, such as a TV tower.

News and Info:

Palm West - they are working on their hamfest sked for March.

Clewiston/La Belle no report

ARRL - no reps present.

hamfests: Nov 5th Delray Beach

Nov 12 Cy Harris at Oakland Park

See the web site for links to hamfest information.

The meeting was adjourned at: 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Thompson, W2TMT Secretary