



PANAMA CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Club Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI.

Officers in attendance:

- President Kenneth Handschuh KG4VQI
- Vice President Dave Brassell KG4YDD
- Treasurer Dave Kimmer N4YEO
- Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF

The previous meeting's minutes were read by Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF. Gerald Quick AG4PZ offered a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Dave Kimmer N4YEO gave the Treasurer's Report, as follows.

Balance as of	01/01/2005		\$1674.41
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Income	50/50	\$22.00	
	Patches	\$10.00	
	Tailgate table	\$5.00	
	Dues	\$165.00	
	Subtotal		\$202.00
			Total \$1876.41
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Costs and Expenses	Water & Sewer	\$57.30	
	Subtotal	\$57.30	
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Balance as of	02/01/2006	Total	\$1819.11

\$661.00 of this balance is our building fund. Gerald Quick AG4PZ offered a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, which was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI briefed the club on the status of the club's renovation. We recently received a donation of a large number of 2' x 4' ceiling tiles from Dave Head W4WLC. The radio operating station has been updated and two pieces of equipment – a Yaesu 747 and a Radio Shack 10 meter radio have been provided to the club on long-term loan from club members. He noted that we still need to tack up the



insulation before we can put up the ceiling tiles. Club Members were invited to see the club officers after the meeting to sign up to help with this important task.

President Kenn KG4VQI announced that our club QSL cards have arrived and were placed in an envelope on the table. The club President doesn't recommend we prepare QSL cards in reply since all of the cards we received are very old and one of them dates back to 1998; however, they are interesting to read through.

The club inventory is still in process; President Kenn KG4VQI reiterated the need for members to bring in any equipment they may be storing on behalf of the club. Vice President Dave Brassell KG4YDD announced that the club's climbing belt had been anonymously returned and he offered his thanks to whomever it was that returned it.

President Kenn KG4VQI reminded club members of the need to update the bylaws and asks that any ideas be brought forward. Club Bylaws are on a table in the back of the clubhouse and are available for download from the club's website.

President Kenn KG4VQI announced that the tables on the wall nearest the door are going to be cleared of their contents and will become the new radio repair/work stations. Greg Morrison KG4LFS has offered to donate some lockers that can be used for storing equipment; the club President has agreed to check them for suitability to the task of securing parts and equipment used to repair other equipment. President Kenn KG4VQI also announced that we now have the flag safely displayed in the clubhouse and, thanks to "Mac" McKinney KI4ARJ, we have some very nice maps mounted on the wall behind the operating station.

The tailgate party was re-announced as being held on the 25th of the month, which is the last Saturday in February. Any money the club earns from the inside table rentals will go toward the building fund, and setup outside is still free. Breakfast sandwiches will be served at 8:00 am and lunch at 11:00; club members are reminded to bring their items for sale, plenty of money, and are enjoined not to go home hungry.

Club awareness: President Kenn KG4VQI recently participated in a TV interview and Chuck Shanholzer KI4DEW has the club meetings listed weekly in the newspaper. New member Frank Pierce WD8JNI dusted off his gear and joined the club largely because of the TV interview!

Treasurer Dave Kimmer N4YEO announced that we have 30 members paid so far and that last year at this time we had 49 paid members. President Kenn KG4VQI told the club that he had sent emails to old members, 2005 past members, and hams in Bay County that he found in various databases and lists. Out of 300 licensed operators in the Panama City area he has found only 40 email addresses so far. Emails are also being sent to these individuals asking them to join the club and the ones which don't have email addresses will be contacted in some other way (to be determined).

New Business

W4RYZ has been invited to participate in a Boy Scout camp outing on March 17 and 18, which is the same weekend as the Ft. Walton Hamfest ("PARCFEST"); it is understood that this conflict will limit the number of people willing to volunteer for the Boy Scout event. The club President asked the membership for volunteers



for the Boy Scout event, to show the Scouts their amateur radios and discuss what it takes to earn an FCC technician class license. Steve Rich KG4RYD, Vice President Dave Brassell KG4YDD, and Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF volunteered. President Kenn KG4VQI will also be at the event but only on Friday. Other volunteers are needed.

President Kenn KG4VQI reminded the club of the upcoming Florida QSO party on April 23 and 24. He asked the membership what they wished to do during this event. Club Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF announced he will be going mobile during this time to help club members and others in the Bay County area earn credit for specific counties. Dave Head W4WLC pointed out that individual members can work from home and have credits go to the club if they wish. Dave also pointed out that it would help to have a logging program that uses Cabrillo format; Bill N4PCF announced he has brought one and would install it on the club computer after the meeting. Charlie Hickman N4DPU requested the club have someone explain the process for having Florida QSO party credits earned via one's own call sign and equipment but credited to the club.

The club President announced he had received an email from Charlie Wooten NF4A and Jim Cox K4JAF in which they have offered to give a presentation on their DXpeditions during a non-business meeting night. President Kenn KG4VQI will be setting a date and time for this presentation.

Extensive discussion was held regarding desired activities leading up to ARRL Field Day on June 24 and 25. The club membership needs to decide the location the club will use for participating in the event. Greg Morrison KG4LFS suggested we use St Andrews St Park again. Discussion regarding some prior year miscommunications and planning shortfalls ensued during which it was noted that there is a process to get club members into St. Andrews Park for Field Day without having to pay entrance fees. Members Dave Head W4WLC, Frank Pierce WD8JNI, Charlie Hickman N4DPU, and Vice President Dave Brassell KG4YDD discussed past issues the club had with Field Day and stressed the need for planning and preparation. Charlie Hickman N4DPU recommended the club appoint a Field Day Activity Director. Discussion on this subject was then halted with a gentle reminder that we need to be better prepared this year.

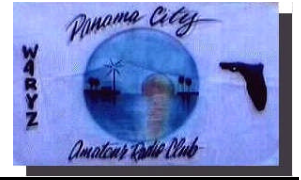
President Kenn KG4VQI requested club members to please bring any communications signs they may have into the clubhouse so the club can get an accounting of how many we have.

The need for a club-owned scanner, printer, and facsimile machine was discussed and one of the members indicated that an all-in-one unit may be donated to the club.

A presentation on the Military Affiliate Radio Service (MARS) was given to the club members by Gerald Quick AG4PZ. This presentation provided clear detail on what MARS members do, how hams can become MARS members, and touched on the requirement to modify radio equipment to use MARS frequencies.

Health and Welfare

No announcements.



Important Dates

January	14	ARRL Testing (ACME Masonic Lodge)
February	10-12	Orlando HamCation
	25	PCARC Tailgate Party Inside tables \$5.00. Breakfast and lunch will be available!
March	04	Chipley Happy Hamming Swap-n-Trade The first Saturday in March (3/4/2006) will be the Happy Hamming Swap-n-Trade event, held at the Falling Waters State Park in Chipley. Everyone is invited. For more information call Ewan Moore N4LMI at (850) 547-2141 -- <i>(courtesy of Dorrain Sawyer KB4UUA)</i>
	11	Emergency Services Seminar
	18	PARCFEST Playground Amateur Radio Club Fort Walton Beach, FL
	25	Tour de Ranch
April	08	ARRL Testing (ACME Masonic Lodge)
	22-23	Florida QSO Party
May	13	Gulf Coast Triathlon
June	24-25	ARRL Field Day
July	08	ARRL Testing (ACME Masonic Lodge)
	14-15	11th Annual Milton Hamfest
October	21	ARRL Testing (ACME Masonic Lodge)
	21-22	BSA Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)
November	04	Florida Ironman Triathlon
December	13	Christmas Party

Announcements

After the regular 50/50 drawing there will be a 2nd chance drawing for a mini 6-in-1 Quick Change Screwdriver.

A motion to adjourn was given by Gerald Quick AG4PZ, which was seconded and approved by majority vote. The business meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Williams N4PCF, Secretary, Panama City Amateur Radio Club