



PANAMA CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Club Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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

Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Crosby KF4YDO was not present at this meeting and had been excused in advance.

President Kenneth Handschuh KG4VQI asked the club to congratulate Bill Williams N4PCF for earning his Extra Class ticket on April 1st.

The previous meeting's minutes were read by Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF and motion was made to approve by Jerry Rego KE7YG. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

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

Balance as of	03/01/2006		\$1,956.11
Income	50/50	\$13.00	
	Dues Pd in March	\$37.50	
	Subtotal	\$ 50.50	
		Total	\$2,006.61
Costs and Expenses		NONE	
	Subtotal	\$0.00	
Balance as of	03/31/2006	Total	\$2,006.61

Of the total balance, \$686.00 is designated for our building fund.

Dave Head W4WLC made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and the motion passed by majority vote.



Old Business

The following report was made by President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI except where noted otherwise

There were enough PCARC volunteers to make the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Scout Expo 2006 a success. Steve Shuga, 2006 Scout Expo Chairman, presented attractive Certificates of Appreciation to those who participated. Steve Shuga reported that some of the Scouts are very excited about Amateur Radio. (One of the meeting attendees was a Boy Scout!)

The Florida QSO Party is coming up in 2 weeks, on April 22nd and 23rd. President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI asked who planned to participate. Jim Cox K4JAF will be working from home and contributing his points to the club; Bill Williams N4PCF announced he still intends to operate mobile for the QSO party. Steve Rich KG4YRD will try to be at the clubhouse on Saturday to participate. (Other people indicated their intention to participate after the business meeting concluded.)

Frank Pierce WD8JNI has volunteered to help part-time with the newsletter and President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI announced he is still looking for someone to take the role of newsletter editor for the club.

Charlie Wooten NF4A did his DXpedition presentation and it was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the FT5XO Kerguelen Island video, during which the Microlite Penguin team can be seen actually making contact with Charlie NF4A.

Charlie Wooten NF4A was recently named Clear Channel's National Engineer of the Year, and there was a formal presentation on March 22nd at the Clear Channel offices at 19th and Lisenby. A number of local hams and PCARC club members attended to celebrate Charlie's achievement. The presentation was filmed and shown in a short TV spot on Channel 7 TV, in which Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Crosby KF4YDO could also be seen.

New Business

The following report was made by President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI except where noted otherwise

A copy of the Executive Committee's proposed changes to the bylaws was handed out to all meeting attendees. These were not discussed at the business meeting; club members were asked to take the proposed changes back and return at the next business meeting to discuss them and vote on them.

The Gulf Coast Triathlon will be on May 13th and PCARC volunteer coordinators William Page KF4JMM and Mary Page KF4KVN need a total of 10 stationary radio operators and five or six mobile operators for the "Saggin Wagons." There are injury liability release waivers to sign this year that relieve the Triathlon coordinators of all liability in the event of injury or death. Mary Page KF4KVN said that we could expect to see these waivers for the Iron Man Triathlon as well. There was some discussion over whether the Triathlon should be officially voted a club activity. A motion was made by Steve Rich KG4RYD to make Triathlon support an official club activity. The motion was seconded and passed by majority vote.



The PCARC still needs a chairman for ARRL Field Day 2006 and the rules and forms were at the head table for examination by any club member. President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI asked who planned to participate. Nine people volunteered for PCARC Field Day at the meeting. The ARRL 2006 Field Day logo was shown to the members and President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI announced that Field Day T-Shirts and Logo Pins are available for purchase. The T-Shirts are \$13.00 and the logo pins are \$5.00 each. There was discussion over how the club managed the purchase of T-Shirts last year, wherein the PCARC bought twelve T-Shirts and sold ten of them. The club has three T-Shirts left from last year but they are all either medium or small sizes. The club did not lose money on the T-Shirts last year.

A motion was made by Treasurer Dave Kimmer N4YEO that the club purchase 12 T-Shirts and 6 each of the GOTA and Field Day logo pins for resale at cost to club members. The motion was seconded and passed by majority vote.

President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI requested volunteers for club cleanup on Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm to get the ceiling insulation tacked up, ceiling tiles installed, trash picked up and hauled out, and interior cleaned and arranged to make the club a better place. Other than the Executive Committee there was only one volunteer. The cleanup was cancelled due to lack of member participation.

The Daytona radio association is experiencing the same issues facing the PCARC club and President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI said we are all trying to figure out what to do to make our clubs better and improve member participation. One new idea President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI offered to the membership was to consider a member auction for the June business meeting, in which any member may bring in any ham radio equipment they no longer need for auction. The club would earn a percentage on the sale but the majority of the proceeds would go to the member selling the item. Exact percentages were not discussed.

A report was given on the Vernon Tour de Ranch in which there were good red beans and rice, good bicycling (over 100 cyclists were there) and good fun was had by hams and everyone else there.

William Page KF4JMM announced that Steve Floyd AC4QB has the materials he needs and is actively working on the 2 meter to 10 meter link for the club.

Health and Welfare

Chuck Shanholzer KI4DEW recently talked to Reed Brassell W4ROW and reports that he is with us in spirit but cannot attend as he just got out of the hospital about a week ago. The last surgery resulted in the complete removal of Reed's colon and Reed is just able to get around the house, but not much more than that.



Announcements

William Page has agreed to give a talk on emergency communications and shelter activities at the club meeting two weeks from today - Wednesday April 19th.

The Walton County Amateur Radio Club KF4PDX is having a tailgate or Hamfest event just off US 331 in DeFuniak Springs on April 15th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We will discuss the possibility of having a tailgate at Falling Waters in Fall 2006 in future business meetings.

Important Dates

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

Dave Head W4WLC made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by majority vote.

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