



PANAMA CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Club Meeting Minutes for May 3, 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
- Sergeant-at-Arms Harold Crosby KF4YDO

The previous meeting's minutes were read by Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF. Roy Trueman KC4VKO made a motion to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote.

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

Balance as of	04/01/2006		\$2,006.61
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Income	50/50	\$13.00	
	Dues (April)	\$30.00	
	Tower Payment*	\$50.00	
	Subtotal	\$43.00	
			Total
			\$2,049.61
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Costs and Expenses	Water and Sewer	\$36.77	
	Boy Scouts	\$38.77	
	W5YI Club License	\$6.00	
	Building Door Locks	\$20.96	
	FL. Dept. of State**	\$61.25	
	Subtotal	\$163.71	
Balance as of	05/03/2006	Total	\$1,885.90

* Tower payment monies are earmarked for the Building Fund.

** Incorporation Papers

\$736.00 of this balance is our building fund.

Frank Pierce WD8JNI made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote.



Old Business

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

The club recognized a visitor, Carl McCain, a ham who has been in the area since August 2005 (Katrina refugee).

Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF announced the approximate results of the Florida QSO Party club activity: thanks to the efforts of many club members we should expect to see a total of 125,000-130,000 points awarded to W4RYZ.

Mary Page KF4KVN reminded club members of the need for more hams at the Gulf Coast Triathlon on Saturday, May 13th. Four more hams are needed for the aid stations and others for the "Saggin Wagons."

Field Day is coming up in a month and a half and an event chairman is still needed.

The possibility of having a Members' Auction was revisited as there appeared to be some interest the last time it was mentioned. Jim Cox K4JAF pointed out we should have provision for a starting bid to ensure hams sell their items for at least their minimum value. President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI noted there did not seem to be enough interest in a Members' Auction at this time but the idea is being held as a possible activity in conjunction with the next tailgate party.

New Business

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

Security: Club members were reminded of the problem with club security; the club has reported matters to the police but they seem to have no leads. As a security precaution the door locks have been changed, and only the President and the Sergeant-at-Arms have keys, which are marked "DO NOT DUPLICATE." Keys will not be handed out to club members.

There was considerable discussion from the floor regarding the disappearance of the club's radio equipment. To clarify matters, Vice President Dave Brassell KF4YDD described the scene at the time of the equipment theft.

Harold Crosby KF4YDO made a motion that the locks be changed to require the use of a key on either side of the door instead of the key/lever combination currently in place. This motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Replacement of the stolen rig: There was again considerable discussion from the floor regarding the pros and cons of replacing the radio. The bottom line is that the club members need to know what the insurance company's requirements are.



Frank Pierce WD8JNI made a motion to table action on replacement of the radio pending confirmation of the insurance company's requirements. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously

Building cleanup: Because concerns about possible mold and mildew have been reported by club members, some tests were done. Although the tests did not show positive for mold it is clear that the club is still in need of serious cleaning and refurbishing. President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI suggested that the cleaning and refurbishing effort be performed by people brought in, under supervision, to finish the floor, the electrical, to replace whatever insulation needs replacing, wash the walls and windows, and so forth. Treasurer Dave Kimmer N3YEO, who has a background in general contracting, performed an estimate for this work, which totaled approximately \$1,000.

A motion was made by Jim Cox K4JAF to have the work done at a not-to-exceed price of \$1,000 with any amount exceeding \$1,000 requiring additional approval by the club. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Chuck Shanholzer KI4DEW has been getting us into the newspaper on a regular basis and President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI has been getting phone calls from people interested in attending meetings. We may even get a new member!

The question of getting magnetic signs to place on some members' vehicles for advertising the club and its website is still open and will be addressed at a future meeting.

The proposed changes to the club's bylaws were reviewed with the membership in attendance. There was a very lively discussion of the proposed changes, particularly as regards the proposed increase in dues. The Executive Committee was challenged by the floor to provide a budget for the club prior to the next business meeting as any increase in dues must be justified by the club's current and expected costs.

Frank Pierce WD8JNI suggested that some fund raising activities may be needed to cover potential club expenses. This suggestion was noted for possible future action.

President Kenn Handschuh is working on the federal paperwork to designate the club as a nonprofit organization instead of a not-for-profit organization. One of the key differences is eligibility for various federal and state programs that would benefit the club and its members.

Health and Welfare

President Kenn Handschuh KG4VQI said he's spoken with Reed Brassell W4ROW and he's doing well.



Important Dates

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

William Page KF4JMM: announced that the 145.330 (AC4QB) repeater is now linked to the 444.500 repeater (KF4JMM), (+ offset, PL 103.5). The 145.330's antenna is looking west while the 444.500 antenna is splitting the difference between Dothan and Tallahassee. These repeater antennas are now at 770' on the tower, making them 915' above mean sea level. They are also on emergency power. The 145.330 repeater is running at 25W output today, but next weekend it will be at over 100W and will have a +20DB gain receive preamplifier attached to it.

Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF gave a quick review of the Florida Hamfests report, the 8-Day Contest Calendar, and ARRL DX News.

Roy Trueman KC4VKO made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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