



# PANAMA CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## Club Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kenneth 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 excused for this meeting.

The previous meeting's minutes were read by Secretary Bill Williams N4PCF. Dave Head W4WLC made a motion to approve the minutes as read/amended. The motion was seconded and passed by majority vote.

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

Balance as of	08/01/2006	<b>\$1,839.95</b>
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Income	50/50	\$11.00
	Tailgate Tables	\$22.00
	Tailgate Sales	\$100.00
	Birthday Donations	\$7.85
	Birthday 50/50	\$18.50
	Birthday Food Sales	\$20.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 179.35</b>
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,019.30</b>
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Costs and Expenses	Fire Extinguisher	\$38.17
	Birthday Food	\$78.00
	Birthday Printing	\$32.28
	PC Water & Sewer	\$41.06
	Grounding Equip*	\$71.00
	Bldg Cleaning & Paint*	\$65.18
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 325.69</b>
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Balance as of	08/31/2006	<b>Total \$1,693.61</b>
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\* - paid from the building fund

\$436.09 of this balance is our building fund. Russ Hill K5PXL made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read/amended. 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.

Kenn noted the tailgate/open house went well and the membership concurred. We had 11 people who sold from tailgates and we got one new member and five renewals.

Greg Morrison has accepted the position of chairman for the nominating committee. He will announce his slate next week. We still hope to have two people running for each position in the club.

The club secretary is to send out the questionnaire and develop the recommended wording for the bylaws change.

The information has been mailed to the insurance company and we are awaiting their information before we can act on replacing the club radio.

## New Business

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

JOTA October 21<sup>st</sup> – expected to be successful; Kenn has been in contact with Steve Swain (new chairman for the scouts); JOTA will be announced and marketed at the upcoming scout roundtables.

145.330 repeater – firmware upgrade for the WX-200 weather alert system. We are the first in the nation to use this firmware upgrade and Steve needs some feedback (quote from his email).

145.210 repeater – repeater tone is being considered. Not all members/users may have a tone on their rigs. The repeater could, however, be configured with just a transmit tone so that people in noisy areas may use T-SQL. Charlie Wooten NF4A pointed out the area noise is likely being caused by cable TV QRM.

Bill Rockwell \_\_\_\_\_ wrote the club to ask about the negative offset. Bill Williams N4PCF will update the club repeater freq page to reflect the -1MHz offset.

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> is Amateur Radio Awareness Day, a part of National Preparedness Week. Chuck Shanholzer: There will be different agencies in the mall on that day with information on emergency preparedness. The ARRL has been promoting this activity. Kenn noted it is too late at this point to do anything at the club level, but next year we can plan for involvement. There were no volunteers to drive the effort at this late date.



October 15-16: A Simulated Emergency Test will be run by the national traffic system; an emergency will be announced and local agencies will be activated. Kenn asked for information about the SET.

Bill Williams N4PCF asked the club if we should upgrade the power distribution strip to handle Anderson Powerpoles (ARES and RACES standard). Dave KG4YDD moved that the club purchase a power distribution strip that will also handle Anderson Powerpoles. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote.

Dave W4WLC motioned that we should keep the old power distribution strip as a backup. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote.

Dick Agar K3IJD asked if we had new information about the Hurricane emergency operation locations. The person to answer this question will be William KF4JMM or Steve Floyd AC4QB. Chuck Shanholzer stressed the need for information to be disseminated outside the club and suggested that the BayCars members have a post-club meeting to discuss ARES/RACES issues in the greater Bay County area.

## **Health and Welfare**

Nothing to announce.

(Bill needs to update club web page – Dick K3IJD – H&W (see last month's minutes).

Harold – surgery on other eye not as successful as hoped; he has an infection which is being treated but they may need to adjust one lens.

## **Important Dates**

## **Announcements**

September 13<sup>th</sup>: Charlie Wooten will give a presentation on WRTC-2006.

October 21<sup>st</sup>: JOTA

November 5<sup>th</sup>: Ironman

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Christmas/Chanukah Party

Dave Head W4WLC made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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