

East Pasco Amateur Radio Society, INC.
 **K4EX** 146.880 - Digital C4FM - 443.600
Dade City, Florida <http://eparsonline.org>
Pasco County Est. 1990

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General meeting Minutes
Date 2022-03-12

1. Call to order

Duane Archibald called to order the general meeting of EPARS Inc at 8:10 AM on 2022-03-12 at the IHOP at 13100 US-301, Dade City, Florida. The meeting started late because the Previous group ran over into our time.

2. Roll call

A roll call was conducted and the following persons were present: 16 Total

President: N4WDH Duane Archibald

Vice President: AA4CB Chris Bloxsom

Treasurer: N9GKO Jack Suske

Attendees:

N4ESS Rich Kennedy = Member

W3LR Don Curtis = Member

KN4JXT Ron Leech = Member

KG4GTN Jack Olson = Member

W4GEW Glen Wilkinson = Member

KD9PWM Brian Krupicka

W9RUS Rus Thackery = Member

WA2MMY Bonnie Roux = Member

W1CH Louis Mester

KD4PUD Larry Fountain = Member

N7KP Steve Kometz = Member

W4DPL Dan Lindberg = Member

KM4KGGH David Wright

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting.

4. Duane passed a card for Marcus Harmon KD2GTW.

5. Membership cards were passed out to the members present at the meeting that had not received theirs.

5. Announcements

- Duane announced we are accepting donations and dues on PayPal from the website. He encouraged members to join the ARRL through the club so the club can keep a portion of the funds. Our next meeting will be on April 9th. We are planning a presentation on Ham shack Hotline.
- Duane announced we currently have 28 paid members for 2022. Also, at the VE session on Tuesday two candidates passed exams and became a new Technician and a new General.
- Duane announced the club nets on 2 meters and 440 and Encouraged people to tune in. Everyone is invited to participate in the Tuesday EPARS Net at 7:00 PM on 146.880 and the C4FM digital net on Thursday nights at 8:00 PM on the 443.600. If you have a wires X box, just connect to the WCF room. We have been having 7 to 10 participants each week on C4FM. It's a very informal net in a round table format.
- Chris discussed upcoming events particularly; Gran Fondo bike race, Florida Parks on the Air, ARRL Field Day in June. Also talked about changes to the repeater system.
- Repeater status: The New 146.880 repeater is on the air. The new repeater is analog only, with several new features: higher power and better receiver sensitivity. The improvements have increased the coverage.
- The 443.600 Is now exclusively a C4FM-Fusion Repeater. Both repeaters are fully operational and seem to be performing well.
- The Echolink/Allstar Station has been having some problems and is being rebuilt. We hope to have it back in service soon.
- Glen W4GFW talked about an antenna designed and built by Dennis Barret. They will be a demo of this antenna at the ZAARC April meeting.
- Our next EPARS meeting will be held Saturday, April 9th, 2022, at 8:00 AM

5. Adjournment

President: Duane Archibald adjourned the meeting at 8:55 AM

- After or meeting we had our usual Saturday morning breakfast at 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by EPARS Secretary: KB4WGA John LeMay

Minutes approved by: President: N4WDH Duane Archibald