

## **East Pasco Amateur Radio Society, Inc**

General meeting Minutes

Date 2022-08-13

### **1. Call to order:**

Duane Archibald called to order the general meeting of EPARS Inc at 8:00 AM on 2022-08-13 at the IHOP at 13100 US-301, Dade City, Florida.

### **2. Roll call:**

A roll call was conducted, and the following persons were present: 11 Total

President: **N4WDH** Duane Archibald

Treasurer: **N9GKO** Jack Suske

Secretary: **KB4WGA** John LeMay

Attendees:

**KN4BNU** Larry Banuat = Member

**W4LJA** Lloyd Allgaier = Member

**KN4UTR** Garnet Musser = Member

**KG4GTN** Jack Olson = Member

**N7KP** Steve Kometz = Member

**K7BAK** Barbara Kometz = Member

**N4LBH** Sam Herron = Member

**KQ4CBS** Mike Bernaldo = Visitor

**3. Minutes** from last meeting reading was waved and minutes approved.

### **4. Treasurer report:**

Savings 8/13/2022 = \$2,500.72

Checking 8/13/2022 = \$3,460.94

Pay Pal 8/13/2022 \$325.87

Total Club Funds = 8/13/2022 = **\$ 6,287.53**

**5. Repeater Report:** The 443.600 C4FM Repeater and the 146.880 FM repeater are up and running at 100%. Chris is setting up the Allstar and "Echo link" remote base stations on 2M, 6M, 10M, with announcements. Therefore, you may hear extra "Tones" on the repeater at times as he is setting this up and testing.

We lost electric power at St. Leo last week. They had an electrical malfunction and the generators also failed to come online. Our UPS did work but it will only hold the system for 15 minutes. The outage was about 45 minutes. We will look at additional battery power for emergencies such as this.

### **6. Presidents Announcements: Dwane N4WDH**

- Our next VE Session will be held Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at the Masonic / N3OS Tailgate.
- We now have 48 current Dues paying members. We continue to accept donations and dues on PayPal from the website. He encouraged members to join the ARRL through the club, if this is done, the club is given a portion of the funds.
- Duane announced the club nets on 2 meters and 440 and encouraged everyone to tune in.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Tuesday night 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. It's a very informal net in a round table format.

- APRS seems to be popular this summer! AA4CB has installed 3 Digipeater's and N9GKO has installed an IGATE. 2 of the Digi's and the IGATE are in East Pasco and 1 Digi is in Northwest Pasco.
- We Have a New Emergency / Tactical repeater (**Tactical Call "RED" Repeater**) on **441.8750 tone 103.5** and it has a range of about 2.5 miles. It is being tested near Wiregrass mall. Please try it out. Thank you to N7KP Steve for building and donating the repeater for EPARS. He also built one for ARES (**Tactical Call "BLUE" Repeater**) on **441.9250 tone 103.5**.
- Our next EPARS meeting will be held Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 8:00 AM

**7. Net Control Operators:** We need volunteers for net control on Tuesday nights.

Currently, we only have 3. If we can get 2 more members to volunteer that would really help. Its very easy to read from the script and is good training for emergencies. It also lets you get to know the names, calls, and voices of the group!

**8. Upcoming Social events:**

- Field Trip to Ham Radio Outlet in Winter Springs Saturday August 27, 2022, at 10 AM.
- Bend an elbow event (not EPARS sponsored) at the Florida Avenue Brewing Co. September 7, 2022, at 5:30 PM
- Field trip to WRMI (World Radio Miami International) Short Wave Broadcast station. The date has not been determined. A signup will be posted on Facebook and the Webpage.

**9. Adjournment:**

President: Duane Archibald adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM

- After our meeting we had a presentation on the behind-the-scenes operations of remote sports broadcast, by Jack, N9GKO and had our usual Saturday morning breakfast.

Minutes submitted by EPARS Secretary: KB4WGA John LeMay

Minutes approved by: President: N4WDH Duane Archibald