

East Pasco Amateur Radio Society, Inc

August General meeting Minutes

Date 2022-09-10

1. Call to order:

Duane Archibald called to order the general meeting of EPARS Inc at 8:00 AM on 2022-09-10 at the IHOP at 13100 US-301, Dade City, Florida.

2. Roll call:

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

12 Members Total

President: **N4WDH** Duane Archibald

Vice President: **AA4CB** Chris Bloxsom

Treasurer: **N9GK0** Jack Suske

Secretary: **KB4WGA** John LeMay

Attendees:

KN4WXD David Hink = Member

WA2MMY Bonnie Roux = Member

KG4GTN Jack Olson = Member

W4LJA Lloyd Allgaier = Member

KN4BNU Larry Banuat = Member

KY4RA Paul Jenne = Member

N7KP Steve Kometz = Member

K7BAK Barbara Kometz = Member

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

4. Treasurer report:

Savings account 8/31/2022 = \$2,505.31

Checking account 8/31/2022 = \$3,411.94

Pay Pal account 8/31/2022 \$325.87

Total Club Funds = 8/31/2022 = **\$ 6,243.12**

5. Repeater Report: The 443.600 C4FM Repeater and the 146.880 FM repeater are up and running at 100%. Chris has set up Allstar and "Echo link" remote base stations on 2M, 6M, 10M, with announcements. Therefore, you may hear extra new announcements on the 146.880 repeater.

We will be looking at adding additional battery power for the equipment at the repeater site to provide longer backup operation in the event of a power loss.

We will be looking into improving the antennas at the repeater site after the weather cools down. Our goal is to improve signal to and from the repeaters for our members.

6. Presidents Announcements: Dwane N4WDH

- We have ARRL Q&A Study books for all License classes. Currently the Extra is checked out.
- Our next VE Session will be held Saturday September 13^{ed}, 2022, at 3PM at the San Antonio Train Museum.

- Upcoming events:
Hamfest:
Melbourne Hamfest – October 7th and 8th
Gulfcoast - NPR October 8th
Manatee - October 15th
SPARC Fest - November 12th
Ocala - December 3rd
Tampa Bay Hamfest - December 9th and 10th
- 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. Dues can be paid 3 ways: In Person with cash or check, on the website via PayPal, or you can mail a check to POB 2199, St. Leo, FL 33574. Dues are \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family of two or more. Dues paid now until the end of 2022 will be recognized as payment for the year 2023.
- 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. Igates and Digi's extend the range of APRS Packet data to other stations and to the internet. For more information contact AA4CB, N9GKO, KB4WGA or N4WDH
- 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**.
- We have been looking for additional repeater locations to expand our system, both GMRS and Ham. Elevation is key! A tall building or radio tower. If you know someone that might be in a position to provide use with an antenna location and a 4X6 area with electric power outlets let us know. Access to Internet would be a plus!
- Our next EPARS meeting will be held Saturday, September 10th, 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 Club Social events:

- Club Christmas party TBA
- Church Avenue Christmas (Talk to Santa) December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd
- 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. Vice President Report:

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