



Martin County ARES/RACES, Inc.

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Minutes of December 9th, 2004 meeting

Members Present: (18)

N1XC	KE4LQC	W2GBX	WA3NIW	N4IGS
KG4QNB	N4JFP	WA4NGR	AI7Q	KI4CAN
KG4OCV	KG4GEF	KF4CDD	KG4AJC	KF4NIZ
WE9D	KG4QND	KD4PQQ		

Guests Present: (5)

Gary Scocozzo Joe Sawyer N9SRO KD4BTD KG4BYG

Call to Order: 1932

Minutes: N1XC read the minutes and they were approved by membership present. N1XC noted that the minutes are now posted to the web site.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer N4BG is out of town. N1XC reported that the checkbook balance is \$1007.77. There are \$100 of new deposits and \$17.90 in website expense reimbursements for a net balance of \$1089.87. Deposits and reimbursements will be made when N4BG returns in January.

Annual renewal and collection of dues will begin at the January meeting

Committee Reports:

Public Relations/Recruitment: KD4PQQ reported that they are moving slowly due to health reasons and members out of town; however, they are still on track to start the public relations campaign in early January. Local print media has been contacted to get ad rates and there are plans to shoot video and still photos along with existing photos to make a distribution CD to give to the media outlets.

Training: AI7Q reported that he will know what nights he is available for the class no later than January 6th. N1XC, WA3NIW, and N4IGS reaffirmed their willingness to help instruct if the class dates are agreeable.

Emergency Plan: N4FJP reports that he has completed entering the current plan in an electronic form and plans on meeting with the other committee members to begin discussion on any changes made to the plan.

SET/Campout: N4IGS reports that Phipps park is available in spite of FEMA and that no date has been selected. Selecting a date and making reservations is now the highest priority.

Old Business:

Saturday Scouting for food: Thanks to WA3NIW, N3MQO, KD4HSS, KD4HST, N1XC, and Dick Schichtell for helping box over 22000 pounds of food that was collected by local Cub and Boy Scouts. KD4HSS and KD4HST as members of the White Doves assisted in sorting and preparing the food items for distribution to the needy families.

MCARA Picnic: KD4PQQ reported that the picnic was a success with good food and fellowship and thanked all who participated.

Stuart Christmas Parade: we did not participate in event because access to CAT trailer is currently blocked by the COW (cellular on wheels) in use at the EOC.

New EOC: At Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners meeting the commissioners decided to improve the existing plans for the new EOC to increase both it's size and it's durability against winds to a minimum of 190 mph. The county contacted us requesting a contact person to discuss our space and equipment requirements for the new EOC. N1XC appointed Louie, W4LOU, and Ben, N4BG, as those contacts and request that they meet with the Emergency Plan Committee to determine what our actual requirements are. N1XC suggested that they use restraint in the specifications and only request what is actually necessary to get the job done.

Toy Drive: Thanks to Nancy and Bill Deacon, Bruce Crawford, Dave Smith, Romund Madson, Don Knight, Dick Schichtell, Ken Ziegler, Ed Davidson, Steve Blary, and Lou Timmerman for their assistance in moving the toys from the United Way building to the fairgrounds. During this time film crews from WPBS Miami filmed the activity for a feature on the weekly TV magazine "New Florida" to be aired on December 23rd.

There is still time to deliver toys up to December 20th. On December 20th and 21st assistance is needed for the distribution of the toy to the recipients. If interested please contact N1XC or KD4HST

New Business: No new business

Meeting Adjourned: 2038

Refreshments were served after the meeting in celebration of the holidays.