



Martin County ARES/RACES, Inc.

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Minutes of January 13th, 2005 meeting

Members Present: (17)

N1XC	KE4LQC	WA3NIW	N4IGS	KG4QNB
WA4NGR	KI4CAN	KF4CDD	KG4GEF	N4FJP
KE4MZT	WE9D	KD4BTD	KD4HST	KD4HSS
AI7Q	N3MQO			

Guests Present: (3)

Gary Scocozzo Dick Schettel Steve Satkjinski

Call to Order: 1940

Minutes: Last months minutes were emailed to all members and posted on website for review. They were approved by membership present

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer N4BG → Ben just received the clubs financial documents from N1XC who was acting treasurer during Ben's trip. Ben will update us at next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations/Recruitment: KD4MZT gave report of our PR campaign because KD4PQQ is out of town.

Media Hits:

Hometown News Dec 3 Food drive help
Stuart News Dec White Doves Article
WPBS Dec 23 NEW Florida piece about toy drive
Palm Beach Post Jan 3 White doves article
Hometown News Jan 7 Hurricane activities

PB POst column article should appear this sat or the 22nd.

Judy has given stamps and printed cards Joe P. He says he can have them out by Sat

Ron and Judy passed out the Flyers at the MCARA meeting. They also distributed 1000 flyers at: Mall Info desk, Mall Radio Shack, Up-town Publix, Monterey Rd Radio Shack, Wedgwood Radio Shack and Wedge Publix.

PSA commercial videotaped New Year's Day

KD4BTD radio PSA's for WQCS.

N4BG to speak with Greg Wyatt of WPSL/WSTU for radio spots

Flyer has been distributed via United Way's Interagency Councils email list. Also sent to Martin County Chamber of Commerce

Training: AI7Q, WA3NIW

Classes will start 7pm, Tuesday, February 15th at the EOC

Emergency Plan: N4FJP

Meeting with Randy Saumier of MC Capital Projects went very well. We had been told that there would be NO outside antennas. That was not an issue!

As it stands now we get at least as much space as we have now. We locked that up by spec'ing out our existing consoles

We are keeping our consoles as they are now . At each console will have a telephone, network access, and 8 electrical outlets.

There will be a 3-inch conduit for antenna feed lines. On the roof will be mounting pipes with grounding to accommodate 4 VHF/UHF antennas

We discussed storage space for 12 large Rubbermaid containers and electrical outlet for the charging of batteries. Mr Saumier suggested a locking storage room

SET/Campout: N4IGS WA3NIW

Announced that we have two pavilions reserved for the campout. No one volunteered to help with food.

Old Business:

Toy Drive: from Diane Tomasik

There were 318 clubs or individuals who donated either toys or money. The monetary total came to \$8,239. There were well over 2,600 toy items donated.

Volunteer FL Grant:

\$739 check received for equipment purchase from last year's funds spending it on 1 ft800 and 2 ft60's

This year 's grant totals \$3000 broke down in the following categories:

\$250 presentations meetings and training

\$750 equipment purchase

\$2000 advertising /printing of brochures, and purchase training materials

They prefer that we spend the money in the first quarter

New Business:

Create new 501(3)c committee: N1XC announced the possibility that Florida Rural Legal Services may provide pro bono 501(3)c filing. N1XC will coordinate with FRLS. There contact information is:

Florida Rural Legal Sevices
Lisa Carmona
Disaster Relief Team Leader
1500 NW Ave L , Suite A
Belle Glade, FL 33430
(561)993-0003
lisa.carmona@frls.org

RED Cross Request:

Rob Shelt asked if we would consider paying to replace propane tanks on their generator. He says about the only use that they have for the generator is our use as a backup on field day. (he must have forgotten they had it because they used a couple of "our" generators for their shelter in Indiantown and at MCHS after the hurricanes.)

N4IGS and WA3NIW volunteered can inspect tanks to determine exactly what's needed so we can approach tri county gas about donating replacements/

Meeting Adjourned: 2050