



# Martin County ARES/RACES, Inc.

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Minutes of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting

**Members Present:** Steve N1XC regrets that he has misplaced the attendance sheet therefore an accurate count is not available. It was a strong turn out with several new faces in the room.

**Guests Present:** see above

**Call to Order:** 1933

**Minutes:** Steve N1XC read the minutes and those present approved them. Everyone was reminded that the minutes will be emailed to the membership for comments and posted on our website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ben N4BG reported our account is basically where it was last month. Although we have received funds for equipment and books, purchases have offset those receipts basically leaving us where we were last month.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Public Relations/Recruitment:** Ron KD4PQQ that press releases had previously been sent announcing the hurricane fair, field day, and the new training class. Field day invitations to county commissioners and local media have been made as well.

Ben N4BG will coordinate with Joe KD4BTD to produce 2 rounds of radio spots promoting the hurricane fair, Field Day, and the new class. The spots will air on WQCS, WPSL, & WSTU.

**Training:** Russ AI7Q reports that the next technician class starts Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>. With great pride Russ also announced that 12 of the students have now earned their ticket and there are more to come! So far we have:

Gary Hughes	KI4JZC
Sterling Bruno	KI4JZD
Steve Satkowski	KI4JZE

Ike Roy	KI4JXR
Ann Roy	KI4JXS
George Moore	KI4JXU
Nancy Antonchak	KI4JXV
David Claeys	KI4JXX
Leo Prostko	KI4JXY

**VE Committee:** Karen AK4KB reports that the VE committee is off and running with plans for their first testing session to coincide with the end of the next technician License class. In addition to VE testing, the committee is in the process becoming certified to administer the ARRL emergency communications exams.

**Emergency Plan:** Bill N4FJP reports that an updated version of the plan has been submitted to the committee for review and is looking forward to their comments.

## **Old Business:**

**Red Cross Generator:** Don WA3NIW reports that Ferrell Gas has donated a couple of used LP gas tanks to the Red Cross for use with the generator. They were very appreciative of help received from the Red Cross after the hurricanes and were glad to help. They even filled the tanks with gas for free.

**501(C)3:** Steve N1XC reports that once the process is completed for MIND then work will begin on the Martin County ARES/RACES, Inc. application. The process for MIND is a good bit more complicated than it will be for ARES/RACES. Update MIND application has been turned over to CPA for his review. Next stop IRS.

**March of Dimes Walkathon:** Thanks to all of those that participated in the walkathon. It was good to see such a strong showing of ARES/RACES members giving our friends at MCARA a hand with the event.

**MEGA Scout Show:** Don WA3NIW, Jeremy K4OCD, Bruce K9SHT, Ron KD4PQQ, Ben N4BG, Karen AK4KB, Gary Soccozzo, and Steve N1XC for helping out with the show. We introduced radio to some scouts and tested HF and VHF paths between Tradition Field in St. Lucie County and several locations in Martin County.

**Red Cross Hurricane Fair:** Jeff, KG4OCV reports the fair group has been working hard and has a nice display for this year's fair. A sign up sheet was passed around for members to volunteer to work a shift.

**Field Day:** Bruce N4IGS reports that Field Day preparations are moving smoothly along. Jeff KD4OCV is in charge of the food again this year after doing such a fine job last year.

**T-shirts:** Bruce N4IGS reports that he is compiling a new order for shirt, sweatshirts, jackets, or caps and to please meet him at the back of the room if you are interested.

## **New Business:**

**HF Vertical:** Ben N4BG reports that the HF vertical on the corner of the EOC is usable but a working party will need to be scheduled to refurbish the antenna and run a feed line to the transmitter building.

**SFSET:** Details of the Southern Florida Section Simulated Emergency Test, June 11 & 12, were relayed to the group. Volunteers to form a group to plan our activities in the SET were requested, however there were no volunteers.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2110

**Special Guest Presentation:** Phil Royce KE4PWE was unable to attend.