

Sun City Center Amateur Radio Club

Minutes

General Membership Meeting, April 3, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 2 PM by President Al Clark, KJ4FUH, who then led us in the pledge of allegiance. Rick Sochon, N1OV, delivered the Invocation.

Attendance - 23 members

Quorum - Yes

Presidents Remarks – Al reported that Fun Fest was very successful. He thanked Jim Key KI4TMX, Michael Friolet AG3K, Charles Turner K9CWT, and Rita Hale W1UZR, for their special support. Also, thanked Bob Goldberg WA4M, for arranging renewal of recently expired Extra Class License for a disabled HAM. He also reviewed topics requested for future meetings, and solicited suggestions for others. He also advised he has applied for next years room reservations: (Florida Room as usual for Monthly Members Meetings, except Jan meeting to be on 1st Thurs since 1st Wed is New Years Day; Radio Room for all year; and Florida Room on Dec 9, as backup for the Holiday Party).

Dick Bishop W4NWD provided information re the Fox Hunt for this Saturdays picnic. Fox Frequency is 145.600 and it is now transmitting with power of 1 watt. The fox is now located at the KPARC Clubhouse to permit practice before the picnic.

Rick reviewed the Hillsborough County Mass Casualty Incident Exercise for this Friday. Formal Exercise starts at 0900. 16 Hospitals and 8 Amateur Radio Clubs are among participants. SCCARC Hospital Team to assemble at 0630 and Radio Room Team at 0830. It is important for Hospitals to pass the Exercise and Amateur Radio Participation is a scoring factor.

John Bowker WA2WEN, inquired re any publicity for event. Rick advised that TV coverage is planned.

Rita advised she is starting to work now on the Holiday Party. She also advised that for the picnic hamburgers & hot dogs will be cooked on a grill, and potato salad, baked beans, etc will also be put out. Dee Madigan KJ4ASZ, advised she sent get-well cards to Annette Friolet N4MAF, and Bob Hibbard N1ZK.

10-minute break in meeting for refreshments, stretching and nose-powdering.

Program - Rick introduced the guest speaker, Art Smith, who is a Volunteer Investigator at Seniors vs Crime: a Special Project of the Florida Attorney General. Art delivered a very interesting and well received presentation on “Crime and Fraud in Our Community.” Art then introduced his Office Manager, Jim Granan, who is also an Investigator. Jim provided some history of the Seniors vs Crime Organization, and how help for individuals can be obtained. He advised of the local location (behind CVS at 137 S Pebble Beach Blvd, Suite 204), and the phone number (634-8666). Jim also advised that phone answering service is available 24/7. Art and Jim then took questions from the audience.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Jim Key, KI4TMX, Secretary