

**Sun City Center Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes  
General Membership Meeting, July 3, 2013**

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

Attendance - 19 members

Quorum – No

Treasurer's Report – AG3K, Michael, reported a balance of \$3,155.80. Also, current Club Membership stands at 66.

Secretary's Report – KI4TMX, Jim, reported minutes for last meeting are posted on club website (visit [sccarc.info...Happenings](http://sccarc.info...Happenings)).

Presidents Remarks – Al reported that Digital Training by WU9T, Don, was very successful. Further Training will be made available in the radio room for all who are interested. Al also reported that options for future Club Shirts are now being explored by KJ4PNE, Charlotte...Vendor now wants \$32 a shirt...Got ideas???...Let Charlotte know. Al also observed that volunteering for Club activities such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display is encouraged...Good practice for actual emergencies...Also demonstrates our club's presence, voluntarism, and capabilities to the SCC community. Al also advised that he is exploring ways to improve cooperation and collegiality between SCCARC & KPARC...Got ideas???...Let Al know.

Non-commercial FM broadcast station in Sun City Center - WA2WEN, John, described current efforts to provide an FM radio broadcast station here in SCC. (Secretary's Note: After our meeting, I asked John if he could provide a write-up of his excellent presentation to me for inclusion in these minutes. He expeditiously did so, and his material now follows...Many Thanks, John)...

“At today's radio club meeting I gave a brief summary of a presentation I will be making at the request of the Community Association next Wednesday in the Rollins Theater at 9 a.m. They have established a Task Force effective today to prepare a final report on September 1, 2013 providing details of cost and all other factors to help the CA Board of Directors decide if space should be provided for a non-commercial FM broadcast station in Sun City Center. The operation would be entirely by volunteers and all costs to get the equipment installed and operating have already been pledged.

The Task Force is Chaired by Carl McGary and I (John) am the Vice Chairman. We are now recruiting people to help with identifying program ideas, space needs, and to try to learn just how many people in SCC have an FM radio in their home. We know very few listen to a home radio because, except as an early morning alarm clock with news, home radios have

little use in our lives anymore largely because there is nothing for our age group to listen to. So our program plan will be essential.

If the CA Board accepts our September 1 Report, we will then complete an application for an LPFM Construction Permit for submission to the FCC on October 15. That is the earliest date an application can be submitted. If we don't file on that date we will have until October 28 to get an application to them. After that, the current estimate is that there will be NO more filing windows at the FCC for entertainment radio stations. Spectrum is too limited already.”

(Secretary's Note: Thanks again, John for expeditiously providing this excellent material.) Got ideas or want to help in this effort???...Get with John pronto...September 1, Report deadline looms.

Rick observed that in order to have a SCC TV station, all residents must use the same cable company.

Meeting Break before Program - 10-minute break in meeting for refreshments, stretching, and nose-powdering. Thanks WZ2O, Ron, for the cupcakes.

Program - Rick delivered an excellent presentation on the the extensive and rigorous planning efforts for the upcoming SCC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display. He went over the assignments of club members and showed their locations on a map. We then discussed fireworks trivia. A multimedia presentation of how fireworks are constructed and the types of effects they produce followed.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

Jim Key, KI4TMX, Secretary