

Sun City Center Amateur Radio Club Minutes

General Membership Meeting, March 5, 2014

Meeting was called to order in the Florida Room at 2:00 PM by President Rick Sochon, N10V.

Rick then led us in the pledge of allegiance. The Invocation was then given by Rick also.

Attendance – 28 members

Quorum – Yes

Treasurer's Report - \$3,029.73 in the bank.

Secretary's Report - Minutes from the last meeting and Board meeting are posted on the club website.

Club shirts can be ordered again as we have our new vendor. Our turn around time will be much faster and have a higher quality shirt to offer our members.

Presidents Remarks – Rick asked if we had any new visitors. Jim Sanford, K8ZZU from MI introduced himself as a first time visitor to your club & said he really likes DXing. Jim said he now has all entities worked and confirmed and he is a member of the #1 group in DXCC.

General Discussion followed:

Bob Goldberg, WA4M talked about D-Star and the Thursday net. Bob also talked about at the last test session everyone passed and some went to general class.

Dennis Russell, K9VFU told everyone about our new meeting location and day starting April 1st. The reason is because of the major construction that will be going on for the next 6 months and very limited parking at the Atrium (Central Campus).

New meeting location is at the Community Hall room 5.

New meeting day is Tuesday (First Tuesday of each mo.)

Meeting time is still 2 PM

Rick went over Funfest March 15. A table will be set up as usual and we will have a hand held radio there to demonstrate and a person will also be in the radio room. Rick also asked for any of us attending Funfest to please wear your club shirts (white or orange) & bring your hand held radios.

Rick talked about our Tuesday night net. This is good practice to training our net control operators.

Dave Schierenbeck, N8PF mentioned we need more participation in check in and in net control. Dave also talked about how new study classes use things like QRZ for the

study questions and answers for testing. A possible new class might be put together to upgrade to the general class.

Annette, N4MAF went over our annual spring picnic on April 5, 2014 at the horseshoe pit at 12:00 noon. She will have tickets for sale next month at our new meeting location and day. **April 1 Tuesday 2 PM at the Community Hall room 5.**

Our program followed

David Watkin, W4ZAU on practical application of lightning protection.

<http://www.davethegeek.org/lightning---how-to-protect-your-stuff.html>

We are the lightning capital of North America.

Every square miles is struck on average 20 times/year "Teco study"

Adjournment – at 4:20 PM

Dennis Russell, K9VFU, Secretary