

Sun City Center Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting March 3, 2021

Board of Directors:

President, Joel Bahl KQ0J

Vice President, Rick Sochon N1OV

Treasurer, Rick Indiano N2VSN

Secretary, Judy Wozniak K4WOZ

Program Director, Jim Key KI4TMX

Emergency Coordinator, Rick Sochon N1OV

Station Trustee, Bob Goldberg WA4M

Joel Bahl, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Joel had a moment of silence for the club's recent Silent Keys, Mr. Val Mazzucca WA2VDO and Mr. Philip Fleming KJ4OEJ. Joel reported that the club membership is shrinking from 100 members ten years ago to less than 50 currently. The club participation in events has declined for many reasons. The club needs to rethink the things that we are able to actually perform for the community with the minimal participation that we have been experiencing. The club may need to reorganize under a different set of bylaws to adjust the club foundation to the reality of lower participation, membership and expectation on how we can serve the community.

Treasurer Report: Rick reported the Treasury Balance is \$4,180.08.

New Business: Mr. Rick Sochon, Emergency Coordinator, reported that we are now unable to meet the emergency response responsibilities that we have been assigned for quite some time. We need to work with the Hillsborough County ARES and RACES coordinators to ensure that a group of people that are committed to emergency support and able to meet the responsibilities of our community are assigned to the positions that we had previously been accountable to staff in the event of an emergency. Rick stressed that it is of the utmost importance that the FEMA ICD courses are taken. Rick and Joel will be meeting with Mr. Bill Miller N1CDO to discuss this situation.

A SDR receiving station has been added (SDR2 donated by Mike KK5WP) anyone wanting to know how to use it let Joel know. A DMR capable Dual (Tri band) FM transceiver AnyTone 578 Pro III has been installed. Let Joel know if you want training on it.

There are some used HF antenna tuners still available for sale.

If you need a badge let Joel know and your picture is needed. Weekly Net Control stations and backup Net control stations are needed. Joel donated Antennas for small places book for the library.

You can bring a shirt or hat of your choosing to the "Stichin Post" in the Red Barn flea market on HWY 41 in Bradenton to get a logo embroidered for \$10.

March 6 and 7 the ARRL international SSB DX contest HF bands will take place. Joel plans to be in the club room if you would like to participate and learn contesting contact Joel.

Program: Joel presented a very interesting talk on the 6 meter "Magic Band". He also brought in a 6 meter dipole and a homebrew square loop built from copper water pipe.

Thank you to the 18 members for attending this month's meeting.

Mr. Bob Goldberg was absent.

Meeting closed at 3:10 PM

