

**Sun City Center Amateur Radio Club
Minutes
General Membership Meeting, September 4, 2013**

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

Attendance - 21 members & 1 visitor

Quorum – No

Treasurer's Report - \$3030.94 in the bank. 66 members.

Secretary's Report - Minutes from last meeting on club website (sccarc.info under the Happening tab) and posted on the bulletin board in the radio room.

Presidents Remarks – Al advised of D-STAR Net on Thursdays at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

General Discussion followed:

1. WA4M, Bob suggested SCCARC approach KPARC re cooperative efforts for the SCCARC 440 Repeater and the anticipated KPARC D-STAR Repeater. Would increase usage and clubs collegiality. Bob also went on at length re a requirement for SCCARC club membership to participate in club emergency activities, training functions and community support activities. Said he and NIOV, Rick met last Monday with WU9T, Don, Hospital Emergency Team Manager. He was particularly concerned about non club member KA3OOK, Oscar and his relation to the Hospital Emergency Team. He opined that Al should call Oscar personally & advise. Al will look into the matter.
2. Al advised that current Club Shirt vendor was unresponsive to orders of a few shirts at a time. Proposed ordering only 1 or 2 times a year. W4NWD, Dick advised KPARC vendor would respond to a few ordered at a time and will provide source to Al.
3. Al advised that historical peak of Hurricane Season is September 10, so we're nearing the top of the Bell Curve. Need to check our equipment and plans to be ready to quickly respond.
4. Al and Bob advised that Bob has completed inventory and pricing of surplus club equipment, and will advertise soon.
5. SCCARC/KPARC Picnic: N4MAF, Annette advised picnic is on Saturday November 2, at Horseshoe Pits. Menu is Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, salads, etc, & drinks for an all inclusive price of \$8. Bob will cook in his usual excellent manner. Tickets available from Annette, AG3K, Michael, and Dick. October 29 is deadline to order tickets.

6. **SCCARC/KPARC Holiday party:** Annette advised the party is Monday December 9 in the Florida Room. Social time begins at 5:30 PM. Menu is Turkey dinner. Entertainment TBD will be provided. All inclusive price of \$20. Bring unwrapped toy for Sheriff's Christmas program. Tickets available from Annette, Michael, and W2DOT, Dotty.
7. **N8DDS, Deya** advised of group supper following the meeting at 4:30 PM at Dennys. See Deya for reservations.
8. **K9CWT, Charles,** introduced guest, John Naponick.
9. **N3VFV, Carl and WA2WEN,** John informed us that John is receiving articles for "The News of Sun City Center." GAP antenna possible article. John needs article material NLT the 15th of Month.
10. **Bob** solicited work party participants for repairing GAP antenna & installation. Work begins next Tuesday at 9 AM.
11. **Al** displayed a recent article in "Tampa Bay Times" re Tampa Bay Amateur Radio Organizations and capabilities and programs. See following web page for the article. (www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/amateur-radio-operators-essential-during-emergencies/2135663)

10 minute break for stretching, nose powdering, and refreshments.

Program - KE2LJ, Pat presented a very interesting program on CW keys and electronic keyers. Discussed history of keys, codes, & CW. Did a show and tell for the 11 keys and the electronic keyer he displayed. Advised of interesting Vibroplex key material available from WW7P (see the following website: http://www.vibroplex.com/date_your_vibroplex.html). Pat encouraged non CW'ers to try CW out.

Adjournment - Al adjourned the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

Jim Key, KI4TMX, Secretary