

Peace River Radio Association (PRRA)

President: Don Kumpost KG5RVW

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Treasurer: Gary Craddock KN4CWF

Secretary: Jim Nuznoff WD8JEL

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting, Thursday, May 27, 2021

Punta Gorda Boat Club 802 W. Retta Esplande, Punta Gorda, Florida

AND VIA Zoom meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Don Kumpost at 7:15 pm. There were 20 in attendance, in person and via Zoom. A quorum was attained. The Flag was honored by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by those attending. Don asked for input regarding new radio purchases or activities. Erwin, KA1DJ announced he had attained 8 band Worked All States via FT-8. Ollie, KJ4CIS provided more information about the prize of ham gear he received recently in a contest. There was also some discussion about a QRP amplifier.

Tonight's program: by Tom Chance K9XV, the new Emergency Coordinator for CCFLARES. Tom provided up to date information regarding CCFLARES (Charlotte County Amateur Radio Emergency Services). He displayed a chart which showed how CCFLARES interacts with governmental and non-governmental organizations (such as hospitals and the Red Cross). He explained the purpose and utilization of CCFLARES before, during and after an incident, such as a hurricane. Tom also promoted citizens' participation in CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and how to go about receiving training. Part of the flow of emergency communication takes place via WINLINK. He explained that amateurs can join in this mode by dedicating a laptop for that purpose, and obtaining a good quality sound card. Those interesting in pursuing participation in CCFLARES should contact Duwain Hunt, W8JJV at duwainhunt@gmail.com.

Business Meeting:

Secretary report: Jim, WD8JEL noted that the minutes of the April, 2021 general meeting had been distributed by email to all members. It was moved by John, K4KXX and seconded by Lawrence, K4ETD to accept the minutes. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Gary, KN4CWF presented the detail of income and expenses for the month. Current balance is \$13,119.57. Move to approve by Jim, WD8JEL, seconded by John, K4KXX. There was no discussion. Approved.

Vice President report by John, K4KXX continued information on our club's involvement with the local Military Heritage Museum. He listed the club owned equipment that was to be installed there. John informed us that the feedline to the antenna location had been installed. The specs and prices on 3 potential antennas were listed. Duwaine, W8JJV moved and Jim, WD8JEL seconded that the club authorize up to \$500.00 to purchase an antenna and necessary supplies to install an antenna there. Motion passed. An ad hoc antenna committee of volunteers, John, K4KXX, Tom, K9XV and Dave, KC7UI were to select/purchase the antenna. John continued with his update of Field Day preparations. Discussion included assembling a list of volunteers of those present, compiling a list of equipment including radios, antennas and generators.

President's Report from Don Kumpost. Don gave an overview of ongoing club activities, including the various nets, our groups.io page, including a traders' page and the web page being continually improved and expanded by Rick, KO4ETQ.

From the floor: Duwain, W8JJV took us down memory lane by declaring that 44 years ago on this day, he was at the famous Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles, attending the premier of Star Wars. He added some anecdotal information to which all the members gathered were thrilled to hear.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

It was moved, seconded and voted affirmatively to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm

Submitted by Jim Nuznoff, June 19, 2021