



Rural Radio Preparedness Association  
Brewton, Alabama  
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**Rural Radio Preparedness Association- At Friends of Brewton Library in Brewton, AL**  
Meeting Minutes for 16, January 2020

**Action Items:**

- Franklin - Send Back Yaesu DR1X and broken Ecom controller for repair
- David - Contact accountant to find out pricing for tax return
- David - Get copy of current insurance to TJ.
- TJ - Obtain quote from Larry white for new insurance.
- Thursday net to become analog RRPA net. First Thursday RACES net to be called at the end of RRPA net
- **Meeting opening at 6:31 PM**
  - Pledge & Prayer
- **Election of officers: Larry (N4CBS)**
  - Arc (W4CPD) president, TJ (KL5YJ) vice president, Josie (WD4DCL) secretary, David (W4DSM) treasurer
  - Johnny (K4VMT)- Motion to accept positions. Franklin (W4FDS)- second the motion. Vote is unanimous.
  - Arc (W4CPD) acceptance speech as new president for RRPA.
- **Secretary Report: Josie (WD4DCL)**
  - Waiting on audio file for November HQ meeting.
- **Treasury Report: David (W4DSM)**
  - Opening balance \$202.00. \$35.00 Wi-Fi for Jay. Ending balance: \$167.00
- **President's Topics: Arc (W4CPD)**
  - Ranges
    - Agreement for ranges to now use county names vs. city name.
    - New range: Escambia County, AL Range  
TJ (KL5YJ)- motion for new range. Larry (N4CBS)- second the motion. Vote is unanimous.
      - Position for Range Warden, Larry (N4CBS)  
Johnny (K4VMT)- Motion to close Range Warden position.  
David (W4DSM) second. Vote is Unanimous.
      - Arc (W4CPD) payed \$25.00 cover new range fee.
      - Larry (N4CBS) to be given new range paperwork to fill out and return.  
RRPA: Escambia County, AL Range: meetings will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Friends of Brewton Library at 6:30 PM
- **Vice President's Topics: TJ (KL5YJ)**
  - TITO Application is in the process of being submitted.
  - TJ (KL5YJ) to pursue Pace Walmart and Atmore Walmart for Community Grants

- **Range/Division Reports**
  - RACES- TJ (KL5YJ)-
    - RRPA analog net Thursdays at 7:30PM
    - RACES net to be held directly after RRPA net on the first Thursday of the month
  - Pace, FL (Santa Rosa County, FL)- Arc (W4CPD)-
    - 15 at last meeting
  - Arc wants to see range meetings move to a standard format
    - 5-10 Minutes on what the RRPA is doing followed by a presentation or hands on activity on amateur radio, emmcom, or severe weather related topics
  - SKYWARN- Joe (KN4CCW)-
    - Completion of SOG, then sent to Joe in the next few weeks.
- **Technical Operations/Repeaters: Franklin (W4FDS)**
  - Arc (W4CPD)- Coordination started for Pace, FL 3 repeater goal
  - Arc (W4CPD) covers \$40.00 shipping costs to ship broken Yaesu DR1X and broken ECom controller back for assessment. Franklin to ship.
- **Website & Social Media- Arc (W4CPD)**
  - Facebook at 504 “likes” for RRPA.
  - Videos, documents and information posted have had great success in views and shares.
- **Activities- Arc (W4CPD)**
  - Car Show: Pace Home Depot:  
1/17/20. 4-9PM
  - Winter Field Day: Ballfield at Pace Assembly  
1/25/20. 8:00AM-9:00PM
  - 2020 Florida Emergency Conference  
2/29/20-3/1/20. Gainesville, FL
- **Project Management- Arc (W4CPD)**
  - North End Repeater Installation- Barnett’s Crossroads  
Needed purchase of hardline cable, controller and labor. \$3,000
  - East End Repeater Installation- Damascus  
Needed purchase of hardline cable, controller, antenna. \$3,500
  - Provide link in Evergreen to connect Brewton through Montgomery
  - Establish D-Star in Covington County  
Purchased supplies and install \$5,000
- **Old Business:**
  - Greenville- joint agreement to be signed for 1 year.  
TJ (KL5YJ) motion to send application for agreement. David (W4DSM) second. Vote is unanimous.  
Arc (W4CPD) signs MOA.
  - Radio Room completion scheduled for 1/20/20 at 9:00AM
- **New Business:**
  - Revision of Constitution and Bylaws to be voted on at February HQ meeting
  - Insurance coverage- July renewal for current insurance
    - Update coverage policy - Check with Larry White for insurance coverage options
  - Future business meetings will be held via tele/web conference