



Rural Radio Preparedness Association
Brewton, Alabama
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Rural Radio Preparedness Association- Conference Call

Meeting Minutes for 10, February 2020

Action Items:

- Franklin - Send Back Yaesu DR1X and broken Ecom controller for repair- not sure of status
- 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 6:05PM**
- Prayer

- **Secretary Report: Josie (WD4DCL)**
 - Larry (N4CBS) motion to approve January meeting minutes.
 - Allen (KG4CNA) second the motion.
 - Vote is unanimous for approval.

- **Treasury Report: David (W4DSM)**
 - Ending balance: \$122.78. Jay's WIFI deducted and Escambia County AL range fees deposited.
 - David (W4DSM) to step down. John Butler (KM4FJM), of SRC FL Range steps into treasurer role.

- **President's Topics: Arc (W4CPD)**
 - Push to complete ALL promised/spoken for projects that are in motion, before taking on any other ones.
 - Reminder that the RRPA is only here to help serve the community and the agencies affected
 - Range vs. Affiliation open discussion-
 - Being open-minded to allowing other clubs to join, keep their identity, but help support the vision of the RRPA through an affiliation
 - Making sure that those who are ranges/affiliates follow a standard of RRPA meeting format
 - Also allowing the RRPA, through affiliation, to help support other clubs/communities, etc.
 - Making sure agreements signed, are well-defined in how the affiliation will work

- **Vice President's Topics: TJ (KL5YJ) (Not present)**
 - Jim Bell Wireless in Greenville does not want to be a range.
 - They want to help support RRPA via the MOA
 - Fundraising:
 - Arc (W4CPD) sent paperwork into Santa Rosa County, FL for possible funding help

- **Open Action/Follow-up**
 - Not sure of status DR-1X repair
 - Need to get insurance quote (Andalusia also has no defined insurance coverage)
 - Arc (W4CPD) or TJ (KL5Yj) Contact accountant

- **Range/Division Reports**
 - Santa Rosa County, FL- Arc (W4CPD)-
 - Larry (N4CBS) spoke at last meeting
 - Meetings now held in Fellowship Hall. Enter doors closest to HWY 90 at the Gym.
 - Covington County, AL- Allen (KG4CNA)
 - Coverage area increased and more stable since repeater was moved
 - Testing this month
 - Escambia County, AL- Larry (N4CBS)
 - First meeting next week (Feb.20,2020)
 - Will be holding testing at meeting
 - SKYWARN- Joe (KN4CCW)-
 - Weather Chat- limit requests to net control stations
 - SkyWarn Operations Guide being reviewed

- **Technical Operations/Repeaters: Franklin (W4FDS)**
 - Arc (W4CPD)- Received offer to host UHF repeater (Pace)
 - Talk to TJ(KL5YJ) about anything in writing from Pace Water for use of water tower.
 - Larry (N4CBS) working on cable (shielded) to help link Brewton and Atmore. If that does not work- temporarily use EchoLink
 - Joe (KN4CCW) gave radio back that RRPA bought. Radio will be used to try to hit Brewton repeater, possibly Atmore.
 - Allen (KG4CNA) willing to explore hosting an EchoLink station

- **Website & Social Media- Arc (W4CPD)**
 - New website, with agenda and meeting minutes,
 - Looking for project/news articles
 - Please send updates for any events to keep Facebook and website updated
 - 516 “likes” on Facebook page

- **Activities- Arc (W4CPD)**
 - Winter Field Day- 1/25/20.
Went very well. Got 2 new members
 - RRPA/Escambia County, AL Range- to set up booth at Brewton Blueberry Festival
 - Averages 10,000 people
 - Escambia County, AL- Possible ‘Ham in the Park’
 - Car Show: Pace Home Depot
 - Rookie Roundup- cross-county, cross-club venture to help new ham’s get on the air, program radios, help support those licensed.

April 19, 2020 Pace Assembly ballfield

- 2020 Florida Emergency Conference
2/29/20-3/1/20. Gainesville, FL
- Basic SkyWarn Class
March 10, 2020 at Pace Assembly (Fellowship Hall- at Gym entrance)
- Field Day Pace
June 27-28, 2020 Floridatown Park
- Milton HamFest
Training Sessions/Forums- looking for ideas on topics for presentations and presenters

○ **Old Business:**

- Constitution and By Laws-
 - Motion to accept constitution and bylaws- Larry (N4CBS)
 - Second motion- Allen (KG4CNA)
 - Vote is unanimous for adoption.

Meeting Concludes at 7:13PM