

Paradise Amateur Radio Society (PARS)  
Club Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2017

6:30 – 7:00 Meet and Greet

The President was providing information on Software Defined Radio before the meeting started to keep people interested.

7:00 Pledge of Allegiance

There were 7 members in attendance.

Officer Reports

- President – Jim Tyranski (K66UDW)

The President had some additional comments on Software Defined Radio and welcomed everyone and offered coffee and cookies.

The President also had some comments regarding the Membership drive and the topic was tabled until that part of the agenda came up for discussion.

Finally, the President raised concerns that perhaps the discussion of Emergency Preparedness had scared people away from attending.

- Vice – President – Doug Poppelreiter (KD6LOK)

The Vice President commented on helping others with programming through the RT application and the importance of helping others.

- Treasurer – Don Cooper (W6NMW)

The Treasurer commented that we have, not including a check that has not been cashed, \$766.61 in the bank.

It was also noted that the new checking account is open and all set.

- Secretary – Grant Hunsicker (KK6FKW)

The Secretary appreciates the corrections offered by others of the March meeting minutes including money in the bank and the introduction of the event with the Boy Scouts

Old Business

- Caps, Badges and T-Shirts - Tabled

- ARRL Chapter Party – Tabled Permanently

- Emergency Preparedness Involvement

It was discussed that perhaps this discussion scared people away. The Vice-President apologized if the topic had been a problem and suggested that those interested could become involved in ARES. The Secretary echoed those statements.

Perhaps, if anything, just an update on any key things happening with ARES may be mentioned.

- Membership Drive

The Secretary has not spent any time on this in the last month.

It was confirmed that Stephen has scrubbed the Magalia addresses and Grant will print them to labels. It was discussed that Jim Sent Grant the Paradise list two months ago and that Grant will work with Stephen to scrub the addresses before printing labels. *[ note – last month meetings state that Jim will pull the Paradise list indicating that this has not yet been done].*

- Frequency Reference Chart

This was a lively discussion regarding many related things such as use of battery power when the power goes out and not only including a list of frequencies that we can all go to when the power goes out, but also having some minimal procedures for us to follow.

It was suggested that, occasionally after the net on Thursday, anyone interested could move to 146.460 and then 146.520 to see how simplex works for everyone.

#### New Business

Bill commented that he had attended a science fair and suggested that we work with the local educational groups to introduce students to ham radio earlier in an effort to increase participation by new members.

There was good discussion on the topic and it was suggested that somebody consider taking the lead on this effort.

Presentation: Jim provided a presentation on “Solar Power for your Station”.

This resulted in a lively discussion regarding solar and batteries; very informative.

### Member Comments and Questions

Stephen indicated that it would likely be about three to four weeks before we could assist in dealing with silent key Nick Burgess' antennas and other equipment. It was determined that Stephen would continue to work out setting the date and anyone available would go assist. It was also discussed that we are aware that another individual in Paradise needs assistance as well and everyone is willing and happy to help.

The topic of publishing phone numbers of officers was discussed. While members do not want their numbers listed, there are at least two officers that don't mind their phone numbers listed and the website will be updated with their phone numbers.

Some discussion was also centered on the web page. The Secretary is working on a new site layout the members can evaluate in the future. It can contain blogs, if desired, and Stephen noted his desire to be able to update the VEC page as needed.