

Lakeland Amateur Radio Club  
Board meeting March 9, 2020

Officers: Mike Shreve, John Stanford, Bill Johnson, Todd Rush

Board members: Matthew Stevens, Geoff Schuck, David Zdanowicz, Jim Stewart,  
Rich Kennedy, Dave LaFave

Absent: Glenn Culler

Visitors: Dave LaFave (Dave was a visitor before the board voted to have him take the vacancy left by Eleanor Marshall.)

The highlights of the meeting follow:

- Vice President's report
  - John once again reviewed plans for upcoming presentations which include:
    - April: Propagation- Buddy Morgan
    - May: Parks On The Air- Justin Sligh (tentative)
    - June: Satellite Communications – Andrew Glasbrenner
  
- Secretary's report
  - Bill read the minutes from the last board meeting.
  - The club equipment inventory is almost complete. Last minute changes have delayed finalization.
- Treasurer's report
  - Todd gave his Treasurer's report, and it was approved as read.
    - Matthew informed the group that the cost of printing the club's tri-fold brochure was \$0.60 per copy in quantities of three-hundred.
- Dave Lafave was reinstated as a board member, filling the vacancy left by Eleanor Marshall.
- The board voted to purchase a canopy for events like the First Friday. Jim Stewart will purchase the canopy, and Todd Rush will purchase the rope lights as accessories. Bill will store both at his house.
- Mike Shreve has taken on the task of sending radiograms to new hams who test with us. He also mentioned that the new system for obtaining badges is working well.
- In order to change the date of the meeting from the first Monday to the second Monday of the month, the bylaws need to be amended. This in no way impacts our charter, and is considered a minor change. The board voted in favor of the change from first to second Monday. A vote will be put to the members attending the next general special meeting the second Monday in April. It is expected to pass.
- There are parts of the bylaws pertaining to elections that some members feel should be changed. Our bylaws were written in the seventies, before email, the Internet, and the World Wide Web. It only makes sense that we go paperless, and no longer require paper ballots to be mailed to all members. This and some other minor changes will be addressed at some future time. Mike

Oliver and Matthew Stevens have been tasked with formulating the desired changes. They will report at the next board meeting.

- Mike Oliver made an impassioned case for the club owning its own clubhouse. John Stanford and Mike have been tasked with putting together a proposal that includes both the benefits and costs of such a venture. In the end it will come down to the cost to rent vs buy.
- Mike Shreve mentioned that having the personal information of those we test would help him promote the club to new hams. Rich agreed to share that information with Mike.
- Dave LaFave will work with Todd Rush, Jim Stewart, Bill Paul, Top Smith, and team leader Bill Johnson on the remaining first Friday events.
  - There was a short discussion pertaining to what we could do better next time. Bill pointed out that some of the members had suggested a change in signage placement. Bill and Jim will pursue this. Tod suggested some kind of visual at the booth to get people involved, for example a video. Todd will share his thoughts with the other members of the team to see how we might implement his idea.
- Mike Shreve made three closing comments:
  - Sun and Fun. They already have enough people to staff the radio station April 5th.
  - Bob Doherty will be the lead person again for this year's March for Babies.
  - FLSPOTA – will be on April 4 and 5.
- Bill will make sure the members are aware that the next club general meeting will occur on the second Monday of the month, and that the vote to change the bylaws will occur at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson, Secretary



**Finance Report January 1 to January 31, 2020**

Cash in Checking Account per Bank Statement December 31, 2019     \$7578.73

**Add: Receipts**

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Membership: Renewals	\$ 440.00
Donations	50.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 490.00</b>

Total Beginning Bank Statement Balance and Receipts during Period     \$8068.73

**Less: Expenditures**

Events:Monthly Meeting Food	\$ 29.94
Name Tags	103.50
Debit Card -SunBiz	61.25
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$194.69</b>

Cash in Checking Account per Bank Statement January 31,2020     \$7874.04

Todd Rush  
Treasurer  
Lakeland Amateur Radio Club