

ORANGE PARK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES
JANUARY 2017

The OPARC January 2017 meeting was called to order by the new President, DonAnhslog, and guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

A motion that minutes are to be posted online instead of sending to everyone was made, seconded, and passed. Minutes should be posted within 2 weeks of the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mark Field, Treasurer, gave the following Treasurer's Report:

Checking as of December 31, 2016	- \$ 601.51
Savings as of December 31, 2016	- \$4,077.99
Cash Account as of December 31, 2016	- \$ 518.55
TOTAL:	\$5,198.05

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership that Mark has pre-approval to pay the insurance and trailer tag fees when due.

2016 AUDIT REPORT:

The audit team, Don Anhslog, Adrian Gray, and Chris White performed an audit on the club's finances and the balance matched, everything is in order.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

As of December 31, 2016, there were 25 lifetime members, 28 members who have renewed their membership, and 76 inactive members.

New members to the club get the first year free from dues. Dues are \$7.50 per year.

Jerry Tabor was asked to be the new Membership Chairman and he graciously accepted.

REPEATERS:

Ted Jahn gave a status report on the repeaters. The 440 machine is to be finished first. Hopefully this will be complete by the end of February. Then the target date for finishing the 144 machine is the end of March.

No more equipment is needed, but there are some parts needed. A motion was made by Bob Meadows, seconded, and approved by the members for money up to \$875 to be approved for the expenditure of what parts are necessary to complete both projects.

ARES:

Adrian Gray stated that the next ARES meeting will be the first Tuesday in February, at the Pinewood Christian Academy, Orange Park, FL, at 7:00 PM.

There are currently 76 members, and there are no dues for membership. He encouraged participation in the ARES Sunday evening net at 7:30 PM, on the 146.92 (5) repeater.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February –

Hamcation – Orlando, February 10th, 11th and 12th.

Auction! Clean out the garage and bring items early so they can be tagged.

March –

River Cleanup – March 17th. Greg Fitcher to head up this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Day – last weekend in June. Mike Hendershot needs someone to replace him as coordinator. Eric Sanders volunteered. Thank you Eric!

We also need a new Board Member. Volunteers please contact Don or Scott.

Repair of Trailers – Jim Winfrey advised that the trailer is totally rusted out. It needs a total replacement. A plan is needed for a replacement. If anyone has thoughts, please contact Jim.

Greg Fitcher presented David Elmore with the 2016 HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD. Congratulations Dave!

Silent Key – We lost a long time member, Pete Lynch, at the end of December. Pete always headed up the Toys for Tots campaign during the holidays. We would like to consider moving up the donations to November instead of December. Also, Kasey Tate is to contact the Marine Corps League to continue this tradition.

PRESENTATION:

What do members want to accomplish in 2017?

Ideas were given as to what we, as members, want to learn in the new year. Some of the ideas include:

CW mentoring – Bob Ivey volunteered for this position.

Field Day – more operators, sign up sheets for time certain slots.

Software defined radios
Digital modes training
Contesting training
State Parks on the Air
Activations
Proper Protocol on bands
Amplifiers
Antennas – theory
Discussion on how formulas work
Raspberry Pi
Mesh Network
Go Kits
New Ham Classes
Demonstration of how to work satellites
Relay procedures
Mobile Unit Installation

Meeting adjourned