

ORANGE PARK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES
APRIL 2017

The OPARC April 2017 meeting was called to order by the President, Don Ahlskog, and guests were welcomed and introductions were made. Jerry Tabor welcomed new members.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the March 2017 meeting.

Mark Fields gave the Treasurer's report as follows:

Checking - \$ 697.00
Savings - \$4,185.64
TOTAL - \$4,883.64

Checks for Field Day and the Repeater project have been cut. Also, 2 months ago a motion was made, seconded, and passed to get a microphone. There was some controversy concerning the correct amount to be reimbursed. Therefore, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that any purchase have open amount for shipping and sales tax.

Ted Jahn gave updates on the repeaters and QRP:

Repeaters- The hospital needs IP addresses that we'll be using. If not finished by end of the month, repeater at WAVE will be changed out. Obie is doing the programming and that is coming along well. In the future, it will allow for voice messages and the ability to be turned on and off via internet.

QRP meets at the Orange Park High School, Ted Jahn's former classroom on the 2nd and last Saturday's of the month.

CLAY ARES – Adrian Gray.

The Clay County EOC has donated a trailer to Clay ARES. The logos will need to be removed, and some welding will need to be done.

OLD BUSINESS - Trailers -

Jim Winfrey reported on small trailer and estimated cost to repair. Looking at different options; replacing both trailers isn't feasible. Need to totally replace one of the trailers. The smaller trailer floor needs to be replaced before Field Day. It can be repaired for approximately \$100. A dual axle trailer has been looked at also. The proposed amount for repairing the smaller trailer and getting a new one is \$2,300.00. Craig's List has trailers, and the committee will look into what is available. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

NEW BUSINESS –

Field Day – Eric Sanford is the new chairman.

The towers are at Greg's. The insurance will be paid this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tour de Forts will be held April 30, 2017. Contact Mike Hendershot if interested in participating.

HAM TESTING: Next exam June 3, 2017, Orange Park Library, at 10:30 AM.

DONATION: Radios have been donated to the club to benefit new HAMS. The club will hang onto the radios until a new HAM is located.

PRESENTATION – Jim Keeley, W1JJK, made a presentation on Digital Communications. You can view on HAM Radio 2.0 episode #83 on Youtube.