

C.A.R.S. Meeting Minutes 3/17/25

Lake City Baptist Temple

Call to order: 7:00 pm Meeting ended: 8:00 pm

Presiding: President – Dalton Weatherford – (KK4KSM)

Officers Present: V.P. – Jim Taylor – (W4NZR)

Sec. – Marcus Perry – (KN4DCJ)

Tres. – Colen Boutwell – (WA5RKR)

Dirs. – Bill Bennett (KO4WOG), Fred Dawsey (WA4ZFQ)
and Gordon Beattie (W2TTT)

Members Present: Bill - KO4WOG, Brad - N5CBP, Daniel - K4TWT, Henry - KI4KYS, Mike - N9MC, Randy - KQ4NRK, Kevin - KQ4SVC, Gary - KG4FVU, Jim - KK4JIM, Hank - KK4HMK,

Guests:

Joshua Afton - KE8EKC, Bob Hinton - KF8DDR, Greg Wallace - KQ4SWC, and Tom Lattin

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Prayer: by Marcus - KN4DCJ

Sec. read the Minutes from the last meeting.

Once read, requires a motion to approve and a second.

Motion to approve by Henry - KI4KYS. Second by Mike - N9MC

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance \$ 530.37

Income \$ _60.37

Expenses \$ _____

New Balance \$ 590.37

Any **Old Business** to discuss: **1)** Colen - WA5RKR mentioned we would have to purchase "Club Insurance" soon. **2)** The plans for the "Fox Hunt" antenna build will be delayed until Colen and Richard are feeling up to it. No date set.

New Business:

- 1) Brad discussed a little more about the advantages of APRS. For those who have the right setup, there are some YouTube videos by Jason Oleham (O'lum) that you should watch. A lot of good information.
- 2) Brad - N5CBP discussed the upcoming ARES initiative to bring awareness to younger people, the value of HAM operations. A presentation will take place on *March 29th at 9:00* in Lake City. ARES is looking for interested parties to be involved. Brad is going to send out signup documentation to see who is going to be there and to decide needs.
- 3) Brad - N5CBP reminded everyone of the upcoming Florida QSO Party on April 26th and 27th, 2025.
- 4) Brad - N5CBP brought to everyone's attention an upcoming "Simulated Emergency Test". It will be on *Saturday, April 12th, starting at 9:00am*. The simulation will involve severe thunderstorms across Florida. Some of these storms spawn tornados, causing widespread destruction of critical infrastructure (cell towers, power lines, etc.) To top things off, Florida is hit with a Cyber-Attack. Brad is again going to send out signup documentation to see who is going to be there and to decide needs. Looking for serious help. For those who can help from home, you will be given a "Field Situation Report". This will help us know the status of the area you are in and how emergency services can assist. We will need people to deploy. Come and learn to make a difference. Don't forget, "THIS IS AN EXERCISE".
- 5) Brad - N5CBP wanted to remind everyone that it is NOT too early to start talking about Summer Field Day. It's held the last weekend in June.

Presentations / Upcoming Events:

- *Simulated Emergency Test will be Saturday, April 12th, starting at 9:00am.*
- *Florida QSO Party will be April 26th and 27th, 2025.*
- *Field Day(s) weekend of June 28th and 29th.*

Secretary:
(Signature)

Marcus Perry
