

# Hernando Co Amateur Radio Association

## Meeting of May 12, 2022 Minutes

**Recorded by:** Ron Wright, N9EE, HCARA Secretary

**Meeting opened** by Tim, WB0YSX club president at 1930 hr.

Attending: 17 members, 1 guest, 14 ARRL Members, 9 HCECS Members

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer,** Carol, KJ4OTD

**Reading of April 14 , 2022 meeting minutes,** Ron, N9EE, approved as read.

**Treasure Report:** John, KJ4OTM, Total Assets: \$30,069.82. One expense was donation to Bob, W1LBV, estate. approved as read.

**Web Site:** Tim, WB0YSX Have had electrical problems, UPS was damaged, used another computer to handle the issues for 8 hours. All is working fine.

**Repeater:** Tim, WB0YSX. Ask about allowing club members to visit the repeater site, but county only wants to allow one visitor at a time. Tim showed photo HCARA repeaters, there are 3 DR1x repeater, one is off and is used as a back up. There are 4 DR1x repeaters, 2 belong to the club, 2 belong to Bob, W1LBV. 3 are at the site and Tim is looking for the 4th, expect to be at Bob's QTH. Tim checked the antenna and feedline, all looks good. We now have access to the site. Normally not an issue during normal working hours, but now have 24/7.

**Sunshine Fund:** Carol, have \$214. If know of someone we need to send anything with details.

**Old Business:** Jim, K8JK did Laurel testing, had 1 General and 1 Technician pass. Had most of our 9 Laurel VEs present. Jim did excellent job making the session go well. Had the need gear of a computer for the Laurel program and printer to print necessary documents.

**New Business: Field Day** is June 25 & 26. HCARA will have the EOC trailer. Will want more club members operating, can make a schedule for shifts if needed. Club members can bring their own rig if they wish. Tim will send an email with details of the event schedule and operation. We will be putting up the 3 element Yagi on the portable tower this year. We do expect good food.

**Hurricane Expo** is June 4th, Tim will send an email reminding those that want to help. Will be good for families, education of hurricanes, NOAA and HCECS.

Tim handed out a list of typical Ham terms used in operating a Ham station.

**Program:** Kai, KN4LKL showed his "Cube Slot" 2m antenna made from copper pipe. Is in a 1 ft cube and is small, would be good for antenna limited installs. It is directional so has some gain. Also Kai showed his center feed for 2 HamSticks to make a short dipole antenna. He took a mono mount and added coupling for the 2nd HamStick. Saved a lot of money for many want over \$45 for this mount, but the mono mount is much cheaper and one can easily add the 2nd coupler.

**Meeting adjourned:** 2029 hrs.