

LAKE WALES RADIO AMATEURS
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2024

1. A regular membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President, Mike Lunsford, KB4FHP. The meeting location was at Lake Wales Fire Department Station 1, 253 W. Central Av., Lake Wales.
2. Four club officers were present with 25 persons in attendance.
3. Mike Lunsford welcomed everyone, led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted roll call.
4. This is the club's quarterly business meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Gary Bishop, K4GHB, provided the Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$7,084.62 and we have 86 members. Report was approved.
6. Gene Smith, WH6DNF read minutes for April, May and June 2024. All minutes were approved.
7. VE Team Report: 2 persons tested and 1 passed Technician and General.
8. June Field Day – we had several members participate at the LARC Field Day event.
9. July QRP will be Fort Meade Recreation Park and will be a Fox Hunt.
10. Equipment Committee needs to meet to finalize the equipment for insurance.
11. Ham N Beans needs a planning committee to help with set up, food prep, clean up and door prize. Recommended date is 26 October and located at Simmers Young Park.

NEW BUSINESS

12. A reminder that we are half-way through the year and we need to start thinking about the election for 2025.
13. General discussion about ARRL Grant's for Clubs. Our discussion was about the growth of Polk County and the number of amateur radio operators that are not involved in clubs. What can we do to make our club more visible in the community? Some ideas: Public service radio ads, invite local TV stations to cover our events, sending

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post cards announcing our Ham N Beans Event, and using the “Next Door” app or other social media. The ARRL Grant’s might be able to fund some of these activities.

PROGRAM

14. Dan Haslam, W5DBH, Vice-President presented an ARRL Lightening Protection video.

15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted By: Eugene Smith, Secretary

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