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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Club President Richard Netinho, AC1JG.

There were 19 members present at the club, 5 online via zoom.

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| Officers Present: President | Richard Netinho, AC1JG |
| Vice President | Joe Barros, K1EZ |
| Treasurer | Mike McDonald, KB1NB |
| Secretary | Walt Schneider, N1ZE |

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary report was read and posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made and seconded to accept as read and voted unanimously in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer report was read and accepted:

Cash income. \$632 from auction. Expenses \$4850.00 for new entry deck and stairs. Total \$5733.

Total Funds \$227902, plus 12k blue sky security account.

A motion was made and the club voted in favor of sending the treasures report to audit.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings & Grounds

Marty KA1YFV is continuing as the chairman of the building and grounds with Manny Estela KC1VMI on the committee.

Nothing to report

Scholarship

Paul Fredette, K1YBE, chair for the scholarship committee

Art DeMello, volunteered to be a Committee Member.

Letter generated for sending out to local high schools for the ham radio scholarship. Letter is written and ready to be mailed out. Stamps were provided by the treasure.

? **Technical**

Technical committed chairman. Rick Cabral, W1RJC,
Technical Committee Members.

Jed Barton N1JBC
Joe Barros, K1EZ
Paul Fredette, K1YBE
Ben Jackson, N1WBV
Rick Netinho, AC1JG
Walt Schneider, N1ZE
Rick Cabral, W1RJC,

Rick Cabral gave the technical committee status for the repeater repairs and antenna issues. The repeater is waiting for parts. There were 2 FETs in final amplifier stage that failed. It was estimated that the repair would be complete in a couple of weeks.

Backup was still operational. And the repeater 2 min time out was revised.

Remote control of the repeater was set up. Rick can run the repeater remotely. It was noted that the repeater makes squelch noise when the threshold is reached. This resulted in longer squelch noise than desired. This issue was resolved and the repeater was working correctly.

In short, still on Motorola repeater backup. Links all are back up , echo link, Alstar , etc all working.

Rick is concerned about rodents eating the harness on the new antenna and intends to take action to wrap the antenna with some plastic and get it installed.

It was noted that there are new 6 bay battery on portables which are Ht1000 style batteries. There are two bigger handhelds in the back.

AC1JG noted that there are now 900 MHz radios installed. New one on wall, and a new one in radio room.

Ham clock. Back up and operational. The development company has been taken over. New server HAMCLOCK.com. Instruction are online and can be used to get your set ups back up and working.

Documentation on the back is being put together by Rick w1rjc

Walt Schneider provided a short discussion on led light noise noting that using a directional loop that it was determined the new LEDs produce electrical noise on various ham bands. In general, the level is low, but if there is noise it might be better just shut the lights off.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

? **ARES, RACES, SKYWARN**

Ed Caron, KA1RSY, Nothing to report.

Training schedule being set up. Possible Sunday morning when the weather gets better.

- **QSL Manager**

Joe Barros, K1EZ reported the new QSL card ordered and received.

- **Radio Events**

HAM Sci trip planned by Paul Fredette, K1YBE and Walt Schneider, N1ZE.

- **WEB**

Mike Ponte, W1BZJ, said Web site is working fine.

VE session was updated.

Repeater page was updated

Meeting minutes posted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Marcel Dumont discussed communications from blue sky communications concerning the tower.

A couple of letters were received from, blue sky towers and octagon towers.

They are proposing an addition to the contract concerning the tower lease. Marcel is continuing with the attorneys and blue sky.

The letter from Octagon towers was brought to Attorney Scott Lang..

They want to extend the contract with Qty 8 - 5 year options. Add 40 years to the existing tower. This would extend the lease to 54 years. It was noted that the current agreement went from \$45k down to \$33k.

Marcel offered to continue working with the tower lease.

RATIFICATION of NEW MEMBERS

No New applications

OLD BUSINESS

32 people between in person and zoom.

Ac1jg thanked everyone for high turn out.

Hot dogs were served.

NEW BUSINESS

It was proposed by John Visser, AC1QC that a motion was made to reimburse Paul K1YFE and Walt N1ZE \$50.00 each for the Conference fees to the Ham-sci, contingent on them providing a report back to the club at the next meeting.

A motion was made and the club voted 31 in favor and 1 against. Motion passed

FOR THE GOOD of THE CLUB

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 745 PM was seconded and voted unanimously in favor

CLUB MEETING SIGN IN SHEET