

South Alabama Radio Club  
July 17, 2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Brown KE4HIE (President), Bob Lawrence KI4RWL (Vice President), Tim Trent KI4JDV (Treasurer), Larry DeFilippi KF4GRA (Secretary), Debra Brown KF4BOR, Pat Henagan KG4LNX, Tip Moses KE7GYO, Mary Ann Moses KE7GYP, Mark Piper KK4WMG, and Chris Johns KI4GGH.

VISITOR: Zach Martin KK4STI.

John called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:**

The minutes for the June meeting were presented to members. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes. Debra seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURE REPORT:** Tim reported that we paid \$100 to Sweet home Alabama campground and ending balance from the bank was \$589.89. Mark made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Debra seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Pat reported that Joe Rose needs light bulb replaced on his tower and asked club members if they knew of someone who could do repairs..John received info on (2) tower climbers to get the repairs done on the lights on Joe's tower.
  1. Ricky Watts - (334)892-2097 Given to John by Jeff Mills John called this number but came back "disconnected or no longer in service". Debra was able to look up a home number for Ricky Watts and she called and spoke to his wife. Debra told her we needed a tower climber to climb the tower at Rose Communications and replace some light bulbs and possibly replace the connector on the pig-tail on our DB-224 Repeater antenna which is top-mounted on the 230 ft tower. If the connector cannot be repaired, we will need to bring the antenna down for repair. Ricky's wife was to have Ricky call John back.
  2. Glenn Eicher - Demopolis, AL. - (205) 657-5815 Given to John by Bob Luman in Greenville. John called Glenn and explained the work we needed done. He said that it would be 2 to 3 weeks before he could come down here and the costs would be around \$350.00 for the work. I mentioned to him that Bob Luman in Greenville also needed some tower work done. Glenn told me to have Bob call him and Bob will call me back when he had spoken to Glenn. There is a possibility of making the connector repair on the tower and testing the antenna to assure that the connector was the only problem. This will be difficult but if we use a PL-259 as opposed to the N connector, this repair might be easier. John told Glenn that he would call him back tomorrow ( Friday) evening and let him know what was decided at the meeting tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mark made a motion to replace the tower light bulb and repair the pigtail on the DB224 and test the antenna to see if it works. If it does not pass the test to remove the antenna from the tower. Tim seconded the motion, the motion passed.
- Mark also made a motion to form a committee to investigate buying a new antenna and discuss tower situation with the SEAGD. Tim Seconded the motion, the motion passed. John mentioned formed a committee of the following

members to investigate the antenna and tower. They are: Lamar Brown, John Brown and Bob Lawrence.

- John asked members if we wanted to continue holding field day as a club at Sweet Home Alabama Campground. We need 6 people camping for 2 nights to get the club house. He mentioned we need to secure the club house as soon as possible if we do since there is another group that used to get that weekend before we started getting it. Bob made a motion to continue the Sweet Home Alabama clubhouse by having 6 campers for 2 nights, or renting the building. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- John went over Field day participation and that the club submitted 1326 points total for Field day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Larry DeFilippi (KF4GRA), Secretary