



ARASWF

NEWSLETTER



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From the Desk of Acting President, Jordan Mash, WB2QLP:

We are now at that time of year when we have to give serious consideration as to who will lead the ARASWF in 2005. There are many among us who are well qualified to lead this club in the future. There are no restrictions as to license class, or length of time as an amateur radio operator for anyone who wishes to be a club officer.

I will be stepping down as President of ARASWF at the end of this term, but will remain as an active club member as well as a member of the Board of Directors. I have enjoyed serving this club in 2003 & 2004, first as your Vice President, then Acting President since last August.

According to the ARASWF's constitution in Article II, Section 4 states: "The President will name a nomination committee at the October Business Meeting. The Board will be elected from this slate, and / or nominations from the floor at the November Business Meeting. The installation of new officers will take place at the December Business Meeting...etc". I shall do that at our next meeting.

I believe that in order for this club to remain active within the community and to assist with the communications responsibilities of the Red Cross, a change in leadership is necessary for new people and new ideas to come to the forefront.

In the past few years we have had many ideas and projects come to fruition. We now enjoy the use of a club owned radio station, repeater, and tower trailer. We now have a large compliment of Volunteer Examiners in our membership and conduct regular VE test sessions as well as Amateur Radio Classes throughout the year. The club has grown in membership, assets and financial stability.

It is now time to hand over the leadership of the ARASWF to a new group of officers who will expand on these successful projects.

This is a very important business meeting regarding the future of "YOUR CLUB". I hope to see a large turnout on Tuesday, Oct 26 @ 1930 local, at the Red Cross HQ.

See you there..... 73 de WB2QLP Jordan (Acting Pres. ARASWF)

From Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL:

Treasurer's Report October 2004

Funds on hand 30 Sept 2004	\$2745.62
Income 50-50	\$32.00
Total funds on hand 26 Oct. 2004	\$2777.62

Expenses

Fund expended last 30 days \$0.00

Balance on hand 26 Oct 2004	\$2777.62
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Submitted 26 Oct 2004

G. William Reynolds K2ZEL
Treasurer ARASWF

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Also from Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL:

Secretary's Report October 2004

The meeting was called to order by Jordan, WB2QLP at 1934 28 Sept. 2004 at the Red Cross Chapter House. Bill, K2ZEL was appointed secretary pro- tem as secretary Rik, Ki4AIM was absent. There were 17 members and guests present. Following introductions the treasurer's report was read and approved by motion of Carl, WA9ZIF seconded by Howard, AA4RX. Howard, AA4RX reported on the test session. 12 persons took exams with 75% passing. The next session is scheduled for 6 November at 0930 at the Red Cross Chapter House. The class report was given by Bill who indicated that the storms caused several rescheduling of sessions. Thanks were given to Merle, W4MWZ, Don, WD4FLY, and Rik for assisting with the classes. Suggestions were offered for increasing member participation in the classes. The next class sessions are planned for Jan - Mar 2005. Sigi made a report in planning for the December Meeting. The date selected is Friday, Dec. 10, 2004 at 630 pm at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. Members are encouraged to signed up for this event. New officers for 2005 will be recognized. The new power supply for the repeater was shown to the membership and was turned over to Carl, WA9ZIF, technical director for installation. Anthony, KB2SFA has offered to supply the gel cell battery for the battery backup on the new supply, Astron RM-35 bb. The question "What were you doing during the Hurricanes?" was posed to the members present with their individual responses. There was some more discussion regarding the "GO BOX" for members that are working from the shelters. Several have offered to bring their boxes to the next meeting. The EMC has been getting input from interested persons regarding the planned "new Collier

County Emergency Management Center" to be built in the near future. The FL Contest Group has requested that a meeting of the group to be scheduled in Naples and hosted by our club. This would be on a Saturday morning. More information is needed for a club decision. The 50-50 drawing for half of the \$32.00 collected was donated back to the club by the winner. The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

submitted
G William Reynolds, K2ZEL
Sec(protem)

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**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - OCTOBER 26, 2004
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**