



ARASWF

NEWSLETTER



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This certificate was presented by Paul Johnson, K9OLE, to the ARASWF (K4YHB) and its club members from the Collier County Emergency Operations Center. It was presented in appreciation to the club members who volunteered their time and service in providing Emergency Communications during the 'Hurricane Events' in the Summer of 2004. They provided the Red Cross and the Citizens of Collier County a valuable service.

The framed certificate will be hung in a prominent location in the radio shack of K4YHB.

" A JOB WELL DONE, GUYS "

Jordan Mash WB2QLP, Acting President

Presidents Message

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

The time is now my friends, for you, the membership of the ARASWF, to decide the future of the club for the next year. The outcome can have a serious consequence regarding the future existence of the club and the direction it will take. It is now the time that the new slate of club officers for the upcoming year are presented to the membership for election.

At our last meeting, a Nominating Committee was convened in order to select possible candidates that would be interested in serving as a club officer. In these past few weeks, this committee, chaired by member Carl Pacini, KI4AI, and assisted by member Rodney Smith, KI4DBI, has contacted many current members directly or by e-mail. Their task was not an easy one. They inquired if anyone had an interest in volunteering to serve in an official capacity for the ARASWF in 2005. They have been partially successful in their quest. All but 2 positions have been filled. The two positions that remain vacant are for Pres. & Vice Pres.

It is mandatory that these two vacancies are filled as soon as possible. The 11th hour is fast approaching for the ARASWF. The club will need consistent, steady and reliable leadership in the new year to attain new objectives and to carry on with the business of the ARASWF. We have ongoing commitments to provide emergency communications in times of need to the Red Cross as well as to the citizens of Collier County. It is imperative that this be maintained.

Please consider the urgency of this request as an appeal for club members to come forth to generously volunteer to fill these positions so that the ARASWF can proceed into the new year with continuity.

Our next club meeting on Tuesday, Nov.23 @ 1930 lcl at the Red Cross HQ is one of the most important meetings of the entire year. I hope to see you all there.

73 de WB2QLP Jordan Mash Acting President ARASWF

Minutes of October 2004 Meeting

Submitted by Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL

The meeting was called to order by acting president WB2QLP, Jordan, at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross Chapter House on the 26th of October 2004. K2ZEL, Bill, was appointed secretary pro-tem for this meeting. Introductions of members and guests present were made. Twenty seven members and guests were present. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved by motion of KI4AII, Carl, seconded by WA9ZIF, Carl. The treasurer's report was given and approved by motion of K4ADR, A.D., seconded by AA4RX, Howard. Elio Hernandez has volunteered to become publicity chair for the club. He hopes to pass his test at the next session. The next scheduled testing session will be 6 November at the Chapter House at 9:00am. VE's are asked to be present for the session. AA4RX indicates that at least three are necessary for the session. K2ZEL was asked to schedule the winter class session with the Red Cross and report the dates at the next meeting. K9OLE, Paul presented the club with a certificate of appreciation for assistance to the Emergency Management Center during the storms this past season. WB2QLP, Jordar, KI4DBI, Rodney, and KB4ETT, Corey, had their "GO-BOXES" with them at the meeting and demonstrated their contents and how they used them during the past storm season. K9OLE discussed the progress on the voter installation for the WB2WPA repeater. When the installation is completed the EOC repeater should be hand held accessible from any location in the county. W4MWZ, Merle, reported on the Coast Guard special event scheduled for 6 November as a of the ISAR exercise. He will be operating W4W during the event and QSL cards will be available with a SASE sent to the station. W2JQ announced that the December Dinner meeting will be held at Perkins Restaurant near I-75 on Pine Ridge Road. It will be December 10, 2004 at 6:00 pm. Sign-up with Sigi at 852-1353. At this dinner reports by outgoing officers and new officers will be recognized. The nominating committee of KI4AII, KI4DBI, and K2ZEL was appointed by the chair to recruit a slate of officers for the year 2005. Elections will be held at the November meeting. Members willing to serve are requested to indicate their preference and willingness to a member of the committee. The 50-50 drawing collected \$57.00. W0OB, Bob won the \$28 share. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectively submitted

G. William Reynolds
K2ZEL, Sec. pro-tem

Treasurer's Report for November 2004

Submitted by Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL

Funds on hand 31 OCT 2004	\$2777.62
Income 50-50	\$28.00
Dues - 4 new members	100.00
Total funds on hand 23 Nov. 2004	\$2905.62

Expenses

Fund expended last 30 days \$0.00

Balance on hand 23 Nov 2004 \$2905.62

Submitted 23 Nov 2004

G. William Reynolds K2ZEL
Treasurer ARASWF

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Nominating Committee Report

From Dr. Carl Pacini KI4AI

So far we have the following slate:

Treasurer Nominee--G. William Reynolds
Technical Director nominee--Carl Foust
Secretary nominee--David Worboys
Operations Director nominee--Rodney Smith
President--no nominee yet
V-P--no nominee yet

Winter Class Schedule 2005

Submitted by Bill Reynolds K2ZEL, Class Coordinator

The ARASWF will hold classes for persons aspiring to Amateur Radio Licenses during January, February, and March 2005 at the Red Cross Chapter House. The classes will be held on Saturday Mornings on the dates listed below with the tests offered at the end of the course. January 22, 2005 January 30, 2005 February 5, 2005 February 12, 2005 February 26, 2005 March 5, 2005 March 12, 2005 March 26, 2005 Test to be scheduled for April 2, 2005 Specific class schedule with instructors will be published around the first week in January.

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Editor's Note

From Mike Welsh, WD8RFL

Three things: If you missed it in the Minutes of the last meeting above, the Annual Meeting in December will be a Dinner Party at Perkins Restaurant near I-75 on Pine Ridge Road (North side of Pine Ridge Road). It will be December 10, 2004 at 6:00 pm. Sign-up with Sigi Boernert W2JQ at 852-1353 and let him know you will be coming. There will be no meeting the fourth Tuesday in December (I believe I'm right on this!).

Secondly, if you are looking for something to do on Wednesday evenings at 0730 local, check out our 2m phone net on the 146.640 repeater. Rodney & Corey, with an occasional guest appearance by AD, have been doing a wonderful job as Net Control. It is fun and informative. Please check in, and say "Hi".

Lastly, I am using a new e-mail distribution list I received from Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL, for this newsletter. If you are not reading this (...), there is a problem with your e-mail addy. All members are encouraged to keep their e-mail address updated with Bill K2ZEL.

Visit our Club Web Site at: www.araswf.org

<p>NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 23, 2004 7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE</p>
