

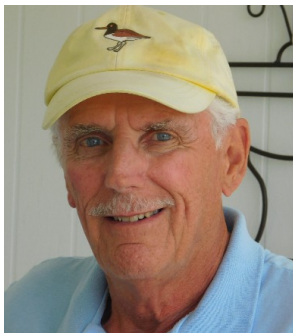
# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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November 14th, 2017

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

EARS Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2017

**7:00 PM** President Dave Trost opened the Englewood Amateur Radio Society Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were done around the room but beginning with visitors.

**7:13 PM Secretary's Report.** Most members had not yet read the newsletter, and so it was requested the minutes be read aloud. After acting secretary Matthew Henry read the minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting aloud from the newsletter, Vic

Emmelkamp made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as read and the motion was seconded by Jon Pellant. On a unanimous vote, the Secretary's Report was accepted as read from the newsletter.

**7:15 PM Treasurer's Report.** Matthew Henry read aloud the Treasurer Mike Daly's report from the newsletter. Jim Nelson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and the motion was seconded by Ray Magsby. On a unanimous vote, the Treasurers's Report was accepted as read from the newsletter.

**7:15 PM Correspondence.** Acting Secretary Matthew Henry reported that he was not diligent in his duties to check the PO Box, and he did not have the key with him to check to box after working in Fort Myers and before the start of the meeting.

**7:16 PM Sunshine.** Gerta Shreve, George's wife, had a pacemaker put in.

**7:17 PM ARES/RACES.** Net tomorrow night. Practice Thursday morning. It was suggested that there are QRM issues on digital at LBHS site, so antennas need to be relocated to the other side of the cooler building rather than on the west side where they are opposite the rest of the county. It was reported that hospitals are now required to have auxiliary communications, so Englewood Community Hospital may be more cooperative with antennas.

**7:20 PM Publicity.** No new publicity. Jim Nelson wants to confirm meeting dates and times first before publicizing them. Matthew Henry reported that the TV show NCIS recently aired an episode that referenced ham radio, giving some general publicity to the hobby, albeit not necessarily an accurate portrayal and not in a way that might encourage others to become hams.

**7:21 PM DX.** Tom Hawes indicated generally the propagation just isn't there. He did have a recent CW contact on 15M. Tom stated Bovet Island is coming up. It is south and west of Africa. Tom says the island has been promised and canceled the past three years, pointing out it takes approximately \$500K just to go there. Bovet Island is number 4 or 5 top entities

sought by DX hams. Tom does not yet have Bovet Island and he says he needs 4 countries to have worked all of approx 339 ARRL-recognized countries. Tom renewed his arguments that the ARRL should delete North Korea and Scarborough Reef from this list due to safety and access reasons. Ray Magsby and Tom Hawes suggested those interested in DX should check into the Spider Net for information.

**7:29 PM Hamfests.** Vic Emmelkamp announced that December 8 & 9 is the Tampa Hamfest in Plantation, FL at the Strawberry Festival grounds. February 9, 10, & 11 is the Orlando Hamcation. A flyer was passed around the room. Tom Hawes also advised that the Okeechobee Hamfest is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Jon Pellant said January 27 is the Desoto County Hamfest in Arcadia at the Turner Civic Exhibition Center. Vic proposed the club sponsor an indoor club table at the Orlando Hamfest for a cost of \$55. Tom Hawes made a motion identical to Vic's proposal and Vic Emmelkamp seconded the motion. On a vote, the motion to sponsor the EARS indoor club table at the Orlando Hamfest for \$55 passed unanimously.

**7:34 PM Other.** Vic brought the 15 club t-shirts that remain: 5 L; 4 M; and 6 S. Members get their first shirt for free when they join and additional shirts are \$10. Vic stated that at some point we want to consider replenishing the supply for some of the larger sizes.

7:36 PM Old Business. Pam brought the International Lighthouse Weekend log, QSL cards, etc. with her for those interested to browse through after the meeting. Pam sent out more QSL cards to those who sent us one.

**7:41 PM New Business.** Officer Nominations. Dave Trost opened the floor for nominations beginning with club president. Jim Nelson was nominated by Dave Trost. Jon Pellant was nominated by Ray Magsby. The consensus was that a nominating committee should be formed for nominees to be presented at the next meeting. The Nominating Committee consists of Jon Pellant, Jim Nelson, Dave Trost, and Ray Magsby.

Pam Eggleton advised that she would like some else

to step up for her role, as she is back to work and busy now.

Yahoo! Group. Jon Pellant formed an EARSRadioClub Yahoo! group for the members to hold discussions without emailing the entire club directory each time. The group allows subscribers to individually control the frequency of notifications for messages in the group. The group also keeps a history of messages so that those joining later can look back and be brought up-to-speed. All are encouraged to join. Website.

Jon Pellant plans to assemble a new draft for the EARS website and will prepare the site at W1JP.com/EARS while under construction. Jon stated he needs content to put on the site. Members stated they would not want to lose the content on the existing earsradioclub.org site, so that info should be included in the new layout. Discussion was held that Freeman Crosby had designed the original website for the club long ago and has hosted it and maintained it for us for the long term. It was questioned whether we should just make content change suggestions to Mr. Crosby. Vic Emmelkamp stated that Freeman has enough going on that he is ready to turn over the reigns to someone new that wants to assume that responsibility. To help determine content and make design suggestions, a committee was formed. The Web Committee consists of Vic, Jim, Samir, and Jon.

Bylaws updates. Jon Pellant suggested the formation of a Bylaws Review Committee. Discussion was held on whether changes to the bylaws are really needed. There is an inconsistency in the advertised amount for membership dues with what appears in the bylaws. No committee was formed. Instead, Tom Hawes made a motion to increase the membership dues in the bylaws. The procedure to do so requires the proposed change be advertised to the membership in writing in advance of the issue being called to a vote. With membership dues coming up for renewal, it was discussed that the issue would need resolved sooner rather than waiting until January or February meetings when more members are present. While Matthew Henry personally opposes the change to the bylaws, he reluctantly agreed to ghostwrite Tom's

orally proposed changes on behalf of Tom Hawes. The notice will indicate the proposal is to be called to a vote on the 7PM meeting on December 12, 2017. An email vote may become necessary if the necessary attendance is not met for the vote.

**Budget Committee.** A budget committee consisting of Jon Pellant, Jim Nelson, Herman Hoffman, and Mike Daly was formed.

**Annual Banquet.** A poll was taken to get an idea of who would like to have a banquet for our annual meeting. Of those present, seven voted in favor and at least two abstained from voting. Vic Emmelkamp and Dave Trost formed a committee to research details for a banquet. Last year's was held at the Rotonda Golf & Country Club.

**8:24 PM Announcements.** Repeaters. Jim Nelson announced that the 146.865 K8ONV repeater was programmed for EDT by Jim Nelson with Vic Emmelkamp's help. 146.700 N4EAR repeater is proposed to be located at the WENG site on River Rd but things are still being worked out with the host for a Memorandum of Understanding. 146.805 W4AC TARC repeater is back to VHF from DMR and it has EchoLink and IRLP; comments referenced an odd announcement on the repeater. Programs. Dave Trost may be able to broaden the programs available by use of Skype or GoToMeeting.

**8:30 PM Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Henry KE4VEM,  
Acting Secretary



**Interested in becoming an EARS member?**

**An application is located on the last page.**

**Next Meeting**

**7:00PM**

**Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Englewood Chamber of Commerce**

**601 South Indiana Ave**

**Englewood**

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Date ↓	Description	Type ▾	Status ▾	Amount	Available Balance
<b>Amount included in Available Balance</b>					
▶ 11/20/2017	Check 1054		C	-4.27	5,739.58
▶ 11/20/2017	Deposit		C	120.50	5,743.85
▶ 11/07/2017	Check 1053: Tom Hawes FD repay		C	-62.75	5,623.35

Deposit: \$120.50

Check: 1504 Mike Daly receipt book  
1503 Tom Hawes FD expenses

Bank Balance: \$ 5623.35

Respectfully submitted  
Mike Daly K4MWD  
Treasurer

**LOCAL**

Next page lists the proposed bylaw changes

**Notice of Proposed Amendment to Bylaws A vote on the proposed Amendment is scheduled for the 7PM EARS Meeting on December 12, 2017 at the Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce Building, 601 South Indiana Avenue Englewood, FL 34223.**

The Bylaws are distributed to members in the EARS Directory published by email every year, and the Bylaws are also available for public inspection on the organization's website at the following URL:  
<http://earsradioclub.org/bylaws.html>.

Article V describes the Amendment procedure.

Summary of Proposed Amendment. On November 14, 2017, Tom Hawes made the proposal to increase membership dues, as stated in the bylaws, from \$15 to \$20 for individual membership and \$18.50 to \$25 for family membership.

The current language for the relevant section of the bylaws appears first below and the proposed amendment appears second below with changes indicated in red and underline.

**Bylaws of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society, Inc. Article II, Membership [Current Language] Section 3 -**

Dues Membership dues for an individual shall be \$15.00 per year. An immediate relative of a full dues paying member, living at the same address, may become a member with full rights, except the right to individual notices and mailings, upon payment of dues of \$3.50 per year . Dues for the current year shall be \$8.00 if the application is filed after July first.

**[Proposed Amendment] Section 3 -**

Dues Membership dues for an individual shall be **\$20.00** per year. An immediate relative of a full dues paying member, living at the same address, may become a member with full rights, except the right to individual notices and mailings, upon payment of dues of **\$5.00** per year . Dues for the current year shall be **\$10.00** if the application is filed after July first.



## From the Editor

This comes close to home for me. Over the past few months I've been on a committee to rewrite our HOA bylaws. I've picked up a few tidbits. It's easier for bylaws to lay out procedure than to state facts that may require change before the bylaws are reviewed again. To that light I might suggest that when discussing the amendments prior to approval at the next meeting an amendment to the proposed amendment might be proposed from the floor. Perhaps something like:

Dues Membership: Each time a budget is proposed the budget committee shall determine if the current dues will be enough to meet the goals set forth for the year. If the dues will not be sufficient the proposed budget shall establish the dues for the following year(s).

If the membership likes this text but worries that the unilateral dues increase has affected some already perhaps the group should direct the Treasurer to refund the increase until the budget committee changes the dues amount.

Not sure if it meets the rules of order, but I would also like to propose a change to **Article IV section 2 Voting rights and Quorum.**

Currently  
Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. Twenty percent of such members, including at least one officer, constitute a quorum.

Proposed

Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. Twenty percent of such voting members, including at least one officer, constitute a quorum. Voting by proxy is allowed and shall be counted toward establishing a quorum. Each proxy shall identify the member, the bearer, and voting instructions. Proxy may be handwritten or an email to the bearer.

Sorry I won't be at the meeting but hopefully you'll have a quorum and adopt these changes so we can all participate in the future.

mike