



Davie Cooper City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Summary January 2, 2018



Convened: By Tom, N4MEO, at 1930ET

Statistics:	Attendance	35
	Candidates/ Passes	2 / 1 Tech, 1 Extra

Summary:

- Tom led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Everyone introduced themselves.
- Tom announced the dates of upcoming events and of other club meetings
 - See the [DCARC web site](#) for our event dates & venues

Friday Lunches	Bi-weekly RF Net	Monthly HF Outing
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- Summary of the last meeting was accepted without being read.
- Don presented the end of year profit and loss statement:

Balance at start of year	\$1,507
Funds in	\$3,017
Funds out	-\$3,117
Balance at end of year	\$1,407

- Old business
 - We have Pavilion 5 at Markham Park for Winter Field Day Jan 27 & 28
Everyone is encouraged to show up and operate.
 - The holiday dinner was a success with around 40 people attending
 - We need to get our books from the Moose Lodge & decide what should we do with them.

- New business
 - W4RQ resigned as VP. We need a new VP.
 - Winter field day Jan 27 & 28 [Here's a link to their web page](#)
 - We had a motion to raise the dues from \$10 a year to \$15 with the family rates going up the same percentage.
There was quite a lively discussion. Only one member was openly critical and demanded written details before we even got into a discussion of why we asked to raise them.

One reason is that many of the active members pay for supplies and food out of their own pocket. Another is that we are the most active club in the county and have the lowest dues. With more money in the account we can do more events than we do now.

The main driver for the increase is our desire to expose more members to HF operating. We want to put together a mobile station inside of a 10 foot long utility trailer with a small tower. We can take it to field day, special events, Vista View park, the parking lot of the Blue Moon Diner, etc. where we can expose more members to HF. Estimates have it costing over \$2000 although we expect that some of the members will donate equipment.

Many of our members (to my surprise) supported raising the dues and thought we were not raising them high enough compared to other clubs in the county.

At the end of discussion the members unanimously voted to raise the dues to the requested \$15 a year as of February 1, 2018. So, anyone paying their dues before Feb 1 pays at the 2017 rate.

Speaking only for myself, without knowledge or approval by anyone else, I have a personal comment. The members of the current leadership team are bound by the rules in our constitution and by-laws. We check ourselves all the time. While we talk about all kinds of ideas and plans amongst ourselves (most go nowhere), everything we try to implement is out in the open. Every dollar spent is in the open. Any member can ask why we are proposing things or doing things and every one of us will be glad to have someone interested and will be very open with them. You can ask at any time and via any means (all of our email addresses are on the About web page).

It is counterproductive to take an aggressive, demanding and threatening tone during a discussion. Nothing ever gets resolved during an argument. Speaking just for me, I was very disappointed with how the dues discussion got started at the meeting.

➤ Drawings

- Chiam KJ4VZP won the 50/50 drawing with \$53 going to him and \$52 going to the club

➤ Presentation

- Pete showed a very good video of a tour of the ISS