

**FADCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HAMCATION 2010
FEBRUARY 13, 2010**

Report of Meeting
February 24, 2010

The meeting started at 1335 HRS
Attendees – District Directors

District #1 No Director assigned
District #2 **Joel Yates N4JOA** – present
District #3 **Wayne Burkett KA1VRF** present
District #4 Not represented by proxy.
District #5 **bud Thompson N0IA** present
District #6 No Director assigned
District #7 **Ray Cook WD4SEN** present
District #8 Not represented. by proxy

Others present included Edwin Crowell W5TWR, Phil Royce KE4PWE, John Green WB4MOZ, Jim Morel, KF4MX, and Free Crosby W1NPR.

PART I

Four of six FADCA District Directors were present which would indicate a quorum. However, neither the President nor Vice President was present. For a Board of Directors meeting FADCA by-laws require the President or the VP, or a proxy/representative for one to be present. No proxy or representative replacements for Directors or President or VP had been received prior to the meeting.

In the absence of a President or VP, it was decided to call a membership meeting (as per article VIII/3a), catch up on activities, and perhaps provide some direction for moving FADCA forward. The Resolutions / Recommendations (Part II of these minutes) will be presented to the complete BOD via e-mail for consideration and approval.

Sec/Treasure N0IA chaired the meeting

All directors and several others present paid dues to current status.

N0IA reported that neither additional agenda items nor nominating petitions for Directors or President had been received. He reported total FADCA funds of \$2,184.80 as of Jan 31, 2010. A 2009 Year-End accounting will be posted on the FADCA website soon.

Reports on current network LAN/switch/Node conditions were presented. It was generally agreed that FADCA should become more active in (1) promoting the Layered Packet Network throughout the state, and (2) providing help to specific communities where packet network facilities were lacking but where filling in the network would be beneficial. Providing some hardware to complete a network switch at Gainesville was considered a good place to start as Keystone is already in place and Ocala has only to get antennas mounted. Phil Royce indicated that the Gainesville LINUX FPAC switch would be complete by adding a UHF duplexer, two UHF radios, and two 9.6kb TNCs. N0IA indicated he could provide the radios and TNCs and WB4MOZ suggested the Palm Beach Packet Club had duplexers that could be made available. It was understood that this hardware

would be paid for out of FADCA funds. N0IA is also providing 9.6kb UHF radio for The Villages to link to Ocala.

With the idea of spending FADCA funds to help local groups, the dues 'freeze' announced last year should be lifted and dues should once again be actively solicited.

PART II

After a general discussion regarding getting FADCA more in the Public Ham Radio Eye, including more promotional efforts statewide, the following resolutions were presented for consideration by the Directors and FADCA members present:

#1 - Those present nominated Phil Royce KE4PWE to be President of FADCA.

#2 – That the President take an active role in promoting FADCA and the organization's purposes referenced in *ARTICLE II – Purpose* of the By-laws throughout the State. This includes, but not limited to, contacts with clubs, Emergency Management Authorities, and other organizations.

#3 – That the FADCA Frequency Coordinator compile an updated device and frequency list for posting on the FADCA web site and forward the list as FYI to the Florida Repeater Council (FRC.) The goal is for the list to be current and not include devices that are no longer available.

#4 – That the FADCA web pages be modernized and re-organized to better serve the ham radio community, including updating (1) LAN frequency list, and (2) WL2K, BBS, and other resources. An interactive map that would include all LANs on the Florida Layered packet Network should be included. Links to popular digital modes should be updated.

#5 – That the Sec/Treasurer provide an updated Membership list of dues paid and restart efforts to solicit all FADCA members to update their status.¹

#6 – That FADCA continue to support LANS (such as Gainesville) by providing equipment and support as requested for digital communications

All resolutions above were passed by unanimous consent, reviewed and approved later by attendees via e-mail, then reviewed and approved by the two Directors who were not present via e-mail. There were no changes made to the above as a result of the reviews.

Respectfully submitted
February 24, 2010

L. E. 'bud' Thompson N0IA
Sec/Treasurer.

¹ At the BOD meeting in February 2008 the BOD all but suspended accepting dues as the treasury was becoming too large and funds were not being utilized.