

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 2 January 2013
Culver's on Neil, Champaign, Illinois

Present:

Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, President
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary
Kevin Coogan KC8RFE, Director
Paul Toth N9XDN, Director
Al Wolfe K9SI

December Minutes approved as distributed.

December Treasurer's report: Milt reported that dues and other income have been positive this month. Printed statements will be distributed at the January meeting for subsequent approval.

Wayne talked to Somer Township regarding use of Ford-Harris Park for Field Day, and they have us on their calendar.

The date for our Annual Auction is still undetermined, Steve is booked for the March dates previously discussed, but may have a substitute. Al will report on the church's availability. He also informed us that classrooms have been built within the church's lobby where Steve has set up his products in past years, severely reducing the available space, but we should be able to adapt. We discussed food provision (which should be offered to the church groups first) and door prizes.

EchoLink has needed restarting recently, and we still need to check the repeater site DSL for speed and noise issues. Al reminded us again that we need to replace the UPS battery and suggested we might want to buy a new UPS. The D-STAR system is working well. Andy, KC9MGZ, has IRLP running simplex in Urbana, and he and Wayne are discussing moving it to Ben's repeater.

No news on NFP status or the trailer.

Our January speakers will be representatives from area nets.

Al asked if we had a detailed membership roster and suggested we consider whether there are any members who should be specially recognized.

Regular monthly meeting, 8 January 2013, 133 Fire Services Institute Building, 26 attendees.
Jim, Milt, Wayne, and Earl gave an overview of Amateur Radio Nets, including the weekly VHF/UHF 2m and ARES Nets, the almost-daily 20m Illininet, statewide and international D-STAR Nets, many HF Nets used for ragchewing/contacts for Awards, and some involved in emergency communications and traffic handling. The new \$35 Raspberry Pi computer was also shown and ways to use it with amateur radio were discussed.