

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 3 April 2013
Culver's on Neil, Champaign, Illinois

Present:

Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, President
Jim Crisman N9AJV, Vice President
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary
Kevin Coogan KC8RFE, Director
Paul Toth N9XDN, Director
Brad Luhrsen K9BSL
Al Wolfe K9SI
Mike Trautman K9MLT
Larry Mohr K9LMM
Earl Finder W9CGZ
Paul Whalen K9CMI

Milt handed out a 2011-2013 Auction Summary, showing that this year's auction was quite successful, in spite of lowered attendance. We discussed issues that came up and ways to improve our procedures next year, including:

- *Devote one person with legible handwriting (not the runner who carries each item to the front or the data entry/check-out person) to a table to record Bidder number and price on each item tag.

- *Use a different format for buyer number (numbers and letters? start at #101?) to avoid swapping/confusing it with price (e.g., \$4 to Bidder 3 is very different from \$3 to Bidder 4, especially if one would be a buyback of an item worth \$100).

- *Pies and ice cream were adequate, but some issues came up: we should reserve or obtain a freezer in which to store the ice cream next year.

- *More publicity is needed. This year's attendance, while acceptable, consisted mainly of locals.

- *As usual, an Auction Chairman is needed.

- *The data entry software is limited in what it can do, and, as discussed in past years, should be updated.

Networking would be nice. Jim will look into some options.

- *A handout outlining the rules for each Bidder/Seller would be useful.

- *A meeting to further discuss these issues, when more time is available, would be a good idea.

March 2013 Treasurer's report approved as distributed.

March 2013 Minutes approved as distributed.

Program: Kermit Carlson W9XA, Vice Director, ARRL Central Division, will be speaking about the ARRL and its upcoming 100th Anniversary. We should provide dinner prior to the meeting.

Repeaters: The Illinois Repeater Association meeting is April 20. Please forward any comments and concerns about area repeaters to Al and/or Milt. Danville's 6m repeater (52.97 [-1.7], 88.5) has allegedly been improved. (No discussion about UPS battery or EchoLink this month.)

Field Day: Wayne has confirmed dates at Ford Harris Park with Somer Township. We need a Chair to coordinate set-up, allocation of spaces, wireless, data networking, etc. Milt would like to operate his Flex SDR and requests that the trailer be available to protect the equipment from possible weather issues.

NFP: Tim Jefferson is busy with tax issues at this time, and Jim reported that we are still waiting for the State of Illinois' response to our application. When Illinois incorporation is complete, we need to be sure the trailer is licensed in the Club's name. Jim will continue to work on that.

Trailer: Al suggested we set up a work day to address a leak in the roof and other maintenance issues. We will not be taking it to Dayton, due to the cost of fuel, which was deemed excessive, in light of the small amount of use it got last time.

Regular monthly meeting, 9 April 2013, 133 Fire Services Institute Building, 16 attendees.

Kermit Carlson, W9XA, ARRL Vice Director, Central Division, on ARRL and what it does for amateur radio.