

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 5 June 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
Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ, Director
Al Wolfe K9SI
Earl Finder W9CGZ

May 2013 Minutes approved as distributed.

May 2013 Treasurer's report approved as distributed. Milt noted that our insurance rate has dropped due to changes in ARRL's provider. A \$400 expenditure was approved to register with the IRS as a not-for-profit organization. As the check was written in June, it does not appear on the May Treasurer's Report.

DSL issues continue at the repeater site, with EchoLink disconnecting and D-STAR dropping out occasionally.

Field Day: Wayne noted that a totally new version of the logging software is out and should be installed as soon as possible. He will email those whom he knows have used it in past years. Registration and set-up will be required, and users need to be certain their installation works prior to Field Day operation. He will also re-confirm our reservation of Ford-Harris Park with Somer Township. Jeremy will take care of beverages and deal with Hickory River for meat. Paul N9XDN and Paul K9CMI plan to attempt satellite contacts for extra points. We discussed (and rejected) publicity ideas.

As of April, TCARC is an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation, and we will need to submit an Annual Report. Jim will make sure ownership of the trailer is transferred and current license is obtained. Milt and Jim met with Tim Jefferson (our Registered Agent) and completed the application for IRS NFP status. This required a one-time expenditure of \$400 (see above). Jim also distributed the NFP Conflict of Interest Policy, which all officers are required to sign. We discussed Illinois Sales Tax issues.

As usual, the June program will focus on Field Day and annual elections. Milt will also give a presentation on one of the new Baofeng Chinese HTs, which have several variants in firmware, all requiring different programming cables and software.

Regular monthly meeting, 11 June 2013, 134 Fire Services Institute Building, 19 attendees.

Election results:

President: Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ
Vice President: Jim Crisman N9AJV
Treasurer: Milt Forsberg K9QZI
Secretary: Chris Anderson W9CMA
Director (3 year): Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ
Director (2 year continuing): Paul Toth N9XDN
Director (1 year continuing): Kevin Coogan KC8RFE

Field Day:

Wayne gathered names and commitments for bands, equipment, etc.

Baofeng UV-5R: Milt discussed the various incarnations of this low-priced Chinese dual band HT, with information on sources of programming software and cables. <http://chirp.danplanet.com> is one which provides free open-source software for a multitude of amateur radio brands and models.