

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

Present:

Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, President
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary
Kevin Coogan KC8RFE, Director
Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ, Director
Al Wolfe K9SI
Earl Finder W9CGZ

September 2013 Minutes approved as distributed.

September 2013 Treasurer's report approved as distributed. Milt informed us that he has received a letter from the IRS acknowledging that they have received our 501(c)3 application.

Our annual Picnic went well. Thank you to Jeremy for food and cooking skills.

Al reported that the repeater work day on September 14 was well-attended and the cleanup job got done. We still need to repair some holes in the side of the building and some areas of the roof, though the latter is not leaking -- yet. The building has settled several inches and is compressing the feedline. This will need attention eventually. Al has obtained a Motorola Quantar for the 444.100 repeater and will be installing it soon, as it is felt that the present unit is not worth repairing. The replacement can operate both FM analog and the P25 digital mode, which will likely be enabled for those with capable radios. Al also has a compressor/limiter for the 146.760 repeater.

October's program will be a general discussion of repeaters, probably covering operation, etiquette, local features, and a preview of the repeater being readied for 444.100. Kevin was encouraged to bring his D-STAR unit in for demonstration. Les Gasser, W9XC, is on the schedule for November, to discuss the new Flex SDR 6500.

Jim has indicated he has been too busy with work to attend to the duties of Vice President and is resigning, effective immediately. Jeremy and Kevin indicated they would discuss the possibility that Paul take over the office. The opportunity may also be presented to the membership and an appointment made by the Board in accordance with our Bylaws.

Regular monthly meeting, 8 October 2013, 134 Fire Services Institute Building, 21 attendees.

Al showed us the Quantar analog+digital repeater he has acquired to replace the 40-year old 444.100 unit which has become unreliable. Kevin brought a non-Icom D-STAR repeater like the one he has currently in operation and discussed how it was designed and set up. Milt gave an overview of local repeaters, including EchoLink/D-STAR activity, and expressed gratitude to Al and the radio station for being our excellent hosts over the years. Jeremy updated us on the analog KC9PXI repeater with EchoLink near Tuscola.