

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 7 May 2014
Culver's on Neil, Champaign, Illinois

Present:

Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, President	Paul Toth N9XDN, Vice President
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer	Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ, Director
Kevin Coogan KC8RFE, Director	Jim Crisman N9AJV, Director
Al Wolfe K9SI	Patrick Twigg N9OQT
Mary Twigg W9MAP	Paul Whalen K9CMI

April 2014 Minutes approved as submitted.

April 2014 Treasurer's report approved as distributed. Milt continues to receive dues, in addition to at least one donation.

Al and Milt gave a summary report from the recent Illinois Repeater Association meeting. ILRA dues have increased this year. The coordinated repeater count is rising, while many have been de-listed for lack of response. Software analysis is being used as a tool for coordination. Specific CTCSS tones are being recommended to avoid overlap.

Our new Repeater Conduct Guidelines, introduced last month, will be posted to our web site for written/email feedback. Once a designated period is over, we will then discuss and approve the final document as Club Policy.

Milt would like us to have a policy on membership renewals: how long are people considered members after they expire, how long to allow for a grace period, if we should try to "collect" for missed years. Al remembered that we used to send newsletters for two years. Suggestions included three months for US Mail to indefinitely for those on the email list. We should be flexible in case someone asks why they were dropped from the list, for example. We discussed how to handle non-member attendees of our meetings—the sign-in sheet could be useful for that. Unpaid members should not be allowed to vote, as indicated in our By-laws. However, if a non-member attends the June (election) meeting and pays dues, they should be allowed to vote. For expired memberships, the general consensus is that we send the Newsletter for three months (if delivery is via USPS) and six months for email "subscribers". Al suggested we draw up a proposed document for a vote at next month's Board Meeting. Jim suggested that we should call it "Guidelines". For those lapsed memberships, renewals should be required only for the current year. Milt moved that we use the aforementioned three and six month rule. Jim seconded, motion carried.

Paul will continue to get commitments for Field Day at the monthly meeting May 13. He plans to meet at 08:00 at the Urbana Cracker Barrel on Saturday June 28, departing for the park to begin setting up by 9:00. Operation begins at 13:00, with dinner picnic at 17:00. Mary will need a count and time to bring her contribution for Sunday breakfast at 08:30, and should expect to serve 15-20. Tom Lea K5LEA has also offered to pick up something for lunch on Saturday. The food for the evening picnic will come from Hickory River. Jeremy will pick it up as usual. The Club has disposable tableware, buns, coolers, etc., attendees to bring side dishes. 13:00 is the end of Operation on Sunday. Those with official contacts (Sheriff, Mayor, etc.) will get in touch with them for PR, extra points, awareness, etc. Networking and logging software will be similar to that used last year. We should check with Mark KC9DUU to be sure if he is able to assist with that setup.

Patrick Twigg, N9OQT, is the current head of ARES and will be talking about their group's activities for the May meeting. Milt and Al have programs in preparation for future meetings.

Dayton Hamvention: Jim asked about selling items; since several members will be bringing things to sell while also attending forums and shopping, a schedule will be useful in order to have someone at our table at all times. We can discuss this at the membership meeting. Milt suggested we pay for Jim's father's ticket in partial appreciation for his Auction Software. We can search for additional tokens of appreciation throughout the weekend.

The current officers are willing to continue in their positions, but as always, nominations will be accepted for June's Election.

Regular monthly meeting, 13 May 2014, 133 Fire Services Institute Building, 16 attendees.

A presentation by Patrick Twigg N9OQT, head of Champaign County ARES. In addition, Paul continued to obtain sign-ups for Field Day, and Milt showed the new Icom ID-5100A mobile 2m/70cm D-STAR radio.