

DRAFT2 Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 4 June 2014
Culver's on Neil, Champaign, Illinois

Present:

Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, President
Paul Toth N9XDN, Vice President
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary
Kevin Coogan KC8RFE, Director
Jim Crisman N9AJV, Director
Al Wolfe K9SI

May 2014 Minutes approved as submitted.

May 2014 Treasurer's report approved as distributed. Milt clarified a \$32.00 Operating Expense covering the cost of a gift for Jon Crisman in appreciation of his Auction software and informed us that the Newsletter expense covers both May and June. He also noted that our insurance coverage through ARRL has been renewed and continues to be the most affordable option.

Ben K9BF will investigate the sensitivity problems with the 146.760 repeater. Al will check the site's HVAC system and light bulbs. The radio stations' cable/Internet connection is now in operation, but Al suggested that we wait until our 501(c)3 status is finalized before approaching them about sharing it. As a not-for-profit organization, we might be in a better position to obtain a reasonable rate. Our Repeater Conduct Guidelines were posted to the Club web site for written/email feedback. None (including inquiry about the delay in posting) has been received, and Jim moved we approve the final document as Club Policy. Paul seconded. There was no objection and the motion passed. We discussed repeater usage patterns, and an increase in use by newer hams has been noted.

Field Day plans continue, with Paul keeping track of commitments, equipment needs, etc. Wayne will provide a router, and it is to be hoped that Mark KC9DUU will be able to assist with a server and network setup. For logging, we will use the same software as in previous years. The Club has an access code and all users will need to have the current version installed on their computers, which they may bring for advance setup to the June meeting.

Recently, the *ARRL News* has been run in addition to *AR Newslite* as part of the Thursday evening 2m Net. We discussed alternatives, as this seems to make the Net excessively long. Ideas included holding a separate Technical Roundtable Net at another time during the week, move the 2m Net to an earlier time, have an Early Net at 7:30 in addition to the regular Net, or include it as part of another existing net (ARES?).

June's program will be on Field Day and Elections, with a possible discussion of future events and activities. Al has a program on mobile antennas for next year. We discussed ideas for activities outside of regular meetings, including 2m FM Challenges, balloon launches, and foxhunts. It might be a good idea for a Program Committee to meet sometime during the summer months, perhaps on a first Wednesday as our usual Board Meetings, to discuss it further. We discussed handing out a questionnaire at a future meeting for anonymous comments, ideas, etc. for activities, programs, repeater issues, etc.

Regular monthly meeting, 10 June 2014, 133 Fire Services Institute Building, 14 attendees.

Election of Officers:

President, Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ
Vice President, Paul Toth N9XDN
Treasurer, Milt Forsberg K9QZI
Secretary, Chris Anderson W9CMA
Director (2017), Kevin Coogan KC8RFE

(Director terms continuing: Jim Crisman N9AJV (2015) and Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ (2016))

Al held an impromptu contest for a free ARRL Repeater Directory, Milt informed us that, with proof, the FCC will soon be granting credit for Elements 3 and 4 for those whose licenses have expired beyond the usual grace period. Discussion of Field Day plans, emphasizing to be sure to coordinate with Paul N9XDN.