

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 1 October 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
Jim Crisman N9AJV, Director
Al Wolfe K9SI, Director
Steven Reiners KC9SIO

501(c)3 issues: We discussed an IRS letter informing us of cancellation of our 501(c)3 status because of failure to file reports. Wayne has discussed this with an IRS representative, who assured him that was an error and our status will be reinstated soon. Apparently TCARC had tax exempt status in the 1980s, although we have not yet found any further information. In addition to the 1982 Constitution and By-laws (revised 2003 and 2010), the current TCARC Secretary only has records from October 2001 to November 2004 and October 2007 to present. Earlier files were apparently destroyed in the fire at Al's property and cannot be consulted.

September 2014 Minutes approved as submitted with minor reformatting.

September 2014 Treasurer's report approved as distributed. Milt explained a few items, including N9AJV's purchase of picnic leftovers.

We discussed the picnic, which was held at a new location this year, deciding that more advance planning is needed to be sure we know how much food is needed, who is doing what, etc.

Repeaters: Al requested a work day at the repeater site to clean up brush; this was tentatively set for Saturday 11th at 10:00 AM. He also informed us that we need new light bulbs, preferably 150 watt or equivalent. Milt will look for appropriate bulbs. It was also noted that the UI's Synton Club has been offered the use of Ben's repeater, as they need to relocate, now that Electrical & Computer Engineering has a new building.

Programs: Wayne talked with Les W9XC, who may be able to give his presentation on a new SDR in November. Al has one ready for October on mobile antennas. Milt offered an update on scanners and scanning. Wayne suggested it may be time for a program on fox hunting and various methods of triangulation, including fixed installations. ARES is pursuing a similar idea and wants to invite us to participate and promote more activity.

Trailers: A tire failed while Milt was taking the large trailer to the Peoria hamfest. Fortunately, repairs went well. Al reassured us that the current storage location is still available—for the present. Milt will look into other locations for the future. Jim asked if ARES would be interested in joining with us in its future use/maintenance. ARES has fewer members than we do, and not much cash reserve. Jim also recommended we put together a plan to repair and store it *properly* to retain its structural integrity. He emphasized that it should be not just him and Al. Milt suggested we should at least get the roof covered to protect it from the upcoming winter weather if it is to be stored. If we can't find the title, there is a \$100 replacement fee, and we will need a copy to make the transfer. Jim is currently paying for insurance coverage and recommends waiting to transfer until we finalize decisions. Al thinks it should be transferred to the Club and would like us to make a decision by November. Jim & Milt will coordinate a professional inspection to evaluate whether it is still worth the cost of keeping. Jim reminded us that he has the *other* (tower) trailer at his workplace, it still needs a good sandblasting, rust treatment, painting, etc.

Regular monthly meeting, October 14, 134 Fire Service Institute. 19 in attendance. Al K9SI on mobile HF antenna installation.