

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 4 February 2015
Culver's on Neil, Champaign, Illinois

Present:

Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, President (via phone)
Paul Toth N9XDN, President Pro Tem (VP)
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary
Jim Crisman N9AJV, Director
Al Wolfe K9SI, Director
Matthew Bretz, KD9CYR

January 2015 Minutes approved as submitted.

January 2015 Treasurer's report approved as distributed. Milt confirmed that we had received the corrected December report at the January meeting. He has adjusted some budget figures due to recent trends, such as lowered newsletter expense and higher dues income.

Wayne has not yet been able to clarify our 501(c)3 status with the IRS.

Milt thinks he and Wayne may have found the issue with the D-STAR system: a running process which Wayne has disabled and is monitoring. Milt will ask those involved in D-STAR programming for their ideas about this while he attends the Orlando Hamcation later this month.

The Yaesu System Fusion repeater is expected to ship in a month or two. Al suggested we consider adding an interface box for connectivity and other features. He also noted that a local ham has acquired a UHF MOTOTRBO 2-channel repeater and attendant software, cables, and other equipment and hopes to set it up in the area. If successful, along with the expected System Fusion, this will double the local digital options, which already include D-STAR and P25.

Our 2015 Auction will be held on March 28 at the Windsor Road Christian Church. Thank you to Al for coordinating the date with the church. Jim will update us about any changes in the software.

February program: Paul has offered to look at the ARRL Library, a new online resource for instructional videos and presentations. He will give an overview of the Library and select one for presentation at the meeting.

We have had no response to the call for a W9SEH Trustee. Paul will bring it up at the meeting again and Milt will put a note in the Newsletter. Paul has offered to take on the responsibility if no one else is willing.

Paul was appointed as Field Day Coordinator and will begin to compile information for a procedures manual.

Regular monthly meeting, February 10, 134 Fire Service Institute. 15 in attendance. Paul N9XDN, with a presentation from the ARRL Library on NVIS antennas.