

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

Present:

Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, President
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary
Jim Crisman N9AJV, Director
Al Wolfe K9SI, Director

February 2015 Minutes approved as submitted.

February 2015 Treasurer's report approved as distributed.

Wayne has not yet been able to clarify our 501(c)3 status with the IRS. It was suggested we make sure to get this done soon to avoid further issues.

As of the meeting date, the Yaesu System Fusion repeater has not shipped. Al gave a few more details about the previously suggested interface box, which may help with connectivity and other features. We agreed that it would be a useful addition to the system, especially if the repeater and our controller are not fully compatible. In other digital repeater news, Ben and Al are working on components of the MOTOTRBO repeater mentioned last month.

Auction: We will get together for a refresher of and pre-test of the data entry software at Jim's office soon. Al will be available March 5 to meet at the church to take a look at the new configuration and discuss arrangement of tables, chairs, etc. in advance of the event. Steve Brown and Dan Hughes have agreed to be auctioneers. For refreshments, we plan to do ice cream and pie as last year, with leftover pies to be auctioned near the end. For schedule, the usual: 9:00 am setup, 11:00 load-in and register, with Auction from 1:00 to end/clear-out by 4:30. Entry fee will be, as last year, \$3.00, and Wayne will order the Grand Door Prize, one of the \$30 Chinese HTs (Baofeng?). Milt and others have various door prize items as well.

In the absence of the Program Committee Chair and due to the need for Wayne and Al to depart, we adjourned without a program for Tuesday's membership meeting. However, the remaining Board members, acting as Ad Hoc Program Committee, felt that "HF 101", a presentation available from the ARRL Library, would be appropriate. And so it was decided.

Regular monthly meeting, March 10, 134 Fire Service Institute. 17 in attendance. Milt K9QZI, using a presentation from the ARRL Library, led a discussion of HF operation, covering equipment and activities. He also brought the just-arrived Yaesu System Fusion repeater.