

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 1 April 2015  
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  
Ben Fisher K9BF  
Earl Finder W9CGZ  
Matt Bretz KD9CYR

March 2015 Minutes approved as submitted.

March 2015 Treasurer's report approved as distributed. Discussion of procedures regarding PO Box and checking account access if the Treasurer should be unavailable. Milt will get official information from bank and USPS for our reference.

Auction: This year's Auction was a success. Milt provided an Auction Comparison Summary for 2011-2015, showing an increase in both sales and participants. While the number of bidder/seller tickets sold has not gone up significantly over the reporting period, the number of individuals selling and buying and amount of total sales has. It was noted that we need an outline/summary of procedures so that important posts (such as a "host" to direct incoming registrants) are not neglected. Jim suggested that we acquire a spare computer to host the software in case of primary failure. He and Matt will work on that.

Wayne has been informed by an IRS official that our 501(c)3 status problem relating to their reactivating the 1980s registration will be corrected. It apparently had been incorrectly done (by the IRS) previously. Matt suggested we file a *Form 4506-A, Request for Public Inspection or Copy of Exempt or Political Organization*, to find out more about the 1980s registration of the Club. We need to file our 2014 Form 990-N, *Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ*, by May 15.

Ben reported on the new Yaesu System Fusion DR-1: It has temporarily been installed in place of Al's repeater at 444.100 and running well at 20W. It was felt that we should have all equipment and configuration ready before moving it to 146.760, in order to minimize disruption to our EchoLink connection. Ben presented several options we need to consider (use the current controller and lose the digital capability; acquire an Arcom interface which will allow the digital features; acquire a new Pacific Research unit) and discussed other issues he is working on regarding amplifier, attenuator, compressor, etc. He also suggested that we consider acquiring a second Yaesu unit for the Synton club to replace the aging UHF repeater currently operating. Al noted that an ideal solution might be the MOTOTRBO repeater discussed last month.

For our April meeting, Wayne has acquired a copy of ARRL's Centennial Convention Presentations DVD. Paul is putting together one on RC "toys" and Jim can do an update on remote operation. The former is weather-dependent, requiring outdoor demonstration, so we will need to be flexible for May and June.

Field Day: Paul will bring us up to date on current planning at the April meeting. Food will be acquired from Hickory River as in the recent past.

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Regular monthly meeting, April 14, 133 Fire Service Institute. 15 in attendance. Video presentation: Rick Roderick (K5UR), ARRL First Vice President, at the ARRL Centennial.