

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 2 December 2015
Culver's on Neil, Champaign, Illinois

Present:

Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, President
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary
Al Wolfe K9SI, Director
Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ, Director
Kevin Coogan KC8RFE

November 2015 Minutes approved as submitted.

November 2015 Treasurer's Report approved as distributed.

Ben continues to work on the repeater controller as time permits. EchoLink is functioning, but Windows 10 security issues have hampered our ability to control the system remotely. Jeremy noted that apps and devices are available to allow remote control. D-STAR is being used actively. Wayne has adjusted its logging system to avoid a recurring problem. Kevin has returned to the area and will be reactivating his D-STAR system (W9IPA) at 443.76875. Al has the new UPS and will connect it to the computers at the repeater site. He also suggested that more member participation would be very helpful at the site on work days. He was the sole worker last time, yet he managed to get the building level on his own.

Our Annual Auction will be held on April 9. Al will reserve the facility.

The cost for a floral arrangement to honor the late Pat Butler WB9PAT was over \$60, slightly more than the limit set in our 2008 Memorial Policy. Milt moved that we raise the limit not requiring Board approval (currently \$50) to \$100. After brief discussion, Al seconded. Motion approved. Chris will revise the Policy and distribute it.

Al expects the Illinois Repeater Association will hold their Annual Meeting in Champaign next Spring. He would like the membership to help support it with refreshments for their General Meeting. Milt moved that we spend up to \$200 on coffee & donuts, Al seconded. Motion approved.

For many years, we have used the Illinois Fire Service Institute facilities to hold our monthly membership meetings, testing sessions, and (until 2011) Board Meetings, all free of charge. They have recently requested that we sign a three year zero dollar contract. Because of our longevity there, this is "just for tracking purposes". Other groups are charged hourly rental fees for the use of the rooms.

Wayne has ordered a video on the K1N DXpedition and hopes to have it in time for our December meeting.

Jeremy announced his intent to resign as Director. Kevin volunteered to serve the remainder of Jeremy's term (through 2016). The Board unanimously approved the change.

With Paul's resignation as Vice President last month, we still need someone with contacts, ideas for programs, and time to participate actively. Milt and Wayne suggested names of a few members who may be able to serve and will discuss it with them.

Regular monthly meeting, December 8, 134 Fire Service Institute. 23 in attendance. Video presentation on K1N DXpedition to Navassa Island.