

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 6 December 2007  
7:00 PM, Fire Service Institute Building, Champaign IL

Present:

Ralph Cox W9PGE, President  
Mike Trautman K9MLT, Vice President  
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer  
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary  
Al Wolfe K9SI, Director  
Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, Director  
Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ, Director

Guest:

Cassie Lee KC9KZG

1. Milt distributed copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report for November 2007 and clarified a question regarding an expense. Al moved to accept the report, Jeremy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
2. Minutes of the November Board meeting were distributed. Milt moved to accept as submitted, Jeremy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
3. The December Club meeting will be held at WLRW. We will be able to tour the radio station, and Al will give a presentation on techniques of lightning protection used there. We will also be able to see the K9SI and W9SEH repeaters.  
Mike is trying to get in touch with former CU resident/Synton member Kermit W9XA (?) to arrange a presentation on D-STAR in January. Milt recommended the Club have a backup plan in case bad weather prevents Kermit from traveling, as well as provide him with an honorarium when he does make the trip.  
We discussed several possible future meeting topics and concluded that if we have an FM Clinic, it should be evaluation-only, due to time, equipment, and liability issues. Anyone wishing to modify their radios will need to make arrangements with someone on an individual basis.  
Various ideas for non-meeting supper or social events were discussed, including operation of a special event station, possibly at the Monticello Railway Museum (where we have an open invitation) or in conjunction with warmer weather/Field Day.
4. Repeater Committee: No report, although Al raised a question about the repeater fund, which was discussed relative to future funding needs. We discussed advantages and disadvantages of keeping a separate fund vs. addressing needs as they arise, specific calls for donations, estate planning, endowment funds, and the possibility of forming a long-range planning committee.
5. Annual Auction update: Al will get the facility reserved when Steve's Hamfest schedule is confirmed.
6. Milt read Chris's Draft of a policy to honor deceased members and/or prominent hams in the community. General consensus was that it was a good beginning and we should discuss it in January.
7. Further discussion of Club-sponsored social activities. Milt offered assistance with housing arrangements for those interested in the Orlando Hamcation.  
Jeremy suggested a chili-type supper, perhaps on a Saturday in January. Or, we might hold it immediately following the VE session and encourage new licensees to join TCARC.
8. Ralph has a copy of the new FCC Part 97 rules, if anyone wishes to copy it. It was suggested that it be provided to new Club members along with other introductory ham and Club-related documents on a CD.
9. Milt is looking at ARRL liability insurance for TCARC as a possible alternative to the present coverage, because of a recent cost increase to cover a situation not applicable to our type of organization.  
Wayne noted that TCARC/K9CU is listed in the December QST Field Day results under 5A (p. 87).

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Addendum:

Our December 11 social was held at Illini Radio Group (WLRW/WIXY/WCFF/WXTT) studios and transmitter site, which also hosts the 146.760 and 444.100 repeaters. 25 to 30 attendees were able to see the equipment and hear a presentation by Al K9SI on lightning protection as installed there.