

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 5 June 2008
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
Mark Joseph KC9DUU, visiting member

1. Chris distributed the minutes of the May 2008 Board meeting. Al moved to accept it as printed, Milt seconded, motion carried with no objection. Chris read the letter of thanks sent to VCARA for their donation to TCARC.
2. Milt distributed the Treasurer's Report for May 2008. Mike moved to accept it, Al seconded, motion carried with no objection. Milt noted that the cost of production of our newsletter has risen to around \$40/month. Al suggested we need more members.
3. Mike reported that we expect to discuss plans for Field Day at our upcoming June meeting.
4. Analog repeaters are operating normally. Ralph will inquire of Ben K9BF regarding the status of the courtesy tone on 146.760. D-STAR is up and running as W9YR on 444.650, although we have a June 20 deadline mandated by the Illinois Repeater Association to shut down D-STAR and return the analog repeater to operational status or W9YH will lose coordination. Al will check with IRA on the status of our D-STAR frequency request. Milt has the D-STAR repeater insured under his personal ARRL plan. Debbie N9DN is working on the Gateway software. Al noted that having Internet access at the Bradley Avenue site would be very useful for D-STAR as well as Echolink. We discussed various ideas and relative merits/costs to achieve this.
5. Field Day: Ralph still expects Dave KB9NJW to prepare the BBQ. Several members and ARES have chosen bands to operate. Al has a BBQ unit. Larry has a generator. Jeremy plans to bring buns and beverages. We will discuss remaining needs at the June meeting. Steve KR4S has some Field Day T-shirts to sell at a better price (and shipping-free) than direct from ARRL.
6. Al reported on the status of nominations for our annual election: Most likely Mike K9MLT will be slated for President, Larry K9LMM for VP, and Jeremy KC9KGJ for a three-year Director term. Other nominations (if any) will be taken at June's meeting.
7. Ralph noted that Bill K9BV has asked for support of the Handi-Ham organization. We discussed the issue and decided that it would probably be appropriate for members to make individual donations, rather than for the Club to do so. Bill will be given the opportunity to briefly present the organization's needs again at our June meeting. We discussed making w9seh.org as accessible as possible to those with disabilities.
8. Since the current annual cost is around \$500, Milt suggested we consider providing the monthly newsletter electronically.
9. Milt moved to adjourn the meeting, Ralph seconded, and we did so with no objection.

Addendum:

10 June 2008, Fire Service Institute Building, 7:00 pm, TCARC meeting, 19 attendees. We held our annual election and discussed plans for Field Day. Election results: President, Mike Trautman K9MLT; Vice President, Larry Mohr K9LMM; Treasurer, Milt Forsberg K9QZI; Secretary, Chris Anderson W9CMA; Directors: Al Wolfe K9SI, Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ.