

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 7 May 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

1. Chris distributed the minutes of the April 2008 Board meeting. Mike moved to accept it as printed, Milt seconded, motion carried with no objection. It was noted that the K9CU laptop was sold at the Auction and we should discuss with Ben K9BF transfer of the money raised to K9CU. (Addendum post-meeting: This was discussed and Ben stated TCARC should keep the money.)
2. Milt distributed the Treasurer's Report for April 2008. Al moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jeremy seconded, motion carried with no objection.
3. Milt also distributed a summary report of the final financial results of the 2008 Auction. Al moved to accept, Mike seconded, motion carried with no objection. The Vermilion County (IL) club donated \$20 to TCARC at the Auction, and Chris will prepare a letter of thanks for that donation.
4. Zack W9SZ will be giving a talk on DXing and DX clusters for the May meeting. June's topic: Field Day.
5. Analog) To date, a courtesy tone has not yet been reinstated on the 146.760 repeater. It is possible that compatibility issues with EchoLink are making this difficult to accomplish.  
Digital) The new D-STAR repeater will be installed soon (temporarily) at the Synton Club site, using callsign W9YR at 444.650 MHz. Al reported on the Illinois Repeater Association's annual meeting. He stated that an application has been filed to obtain a frequency pair for the D-STAR repeater, upon its future move to the Bradley Avenue site, and that they have approved our temporary use of the W9YH pair while we test the system.
6. Ralph confirmed permission for TCARC to use Ford-Harris Park again this year for Field Day. We have several stations planning to operate, including ARES. Details on the barbecue are still to be finalized. Al has a source for a BBQ unit. Discussion of a hog roast resulted in the opinion that it would be better for a separate Club social activity. Jeremy will provide drinks as he did for the Auction.
7. Ralph emailed four members a request to serve on the Nominating Committee for this year's Election of officers. One declined and two had not replied as of meeting time. Al asked the current officers if they would be willing to continue. The position of President is the only sure vacancy, as Ralph will soon be moving out of state.

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Addendum:

13 May 2008, Fire Service Institute Building, 7:00 pm, TCARC meeting, 19 attendees. There was a discussion of current plans for Field Day. Zack W9SZ then gave an interesting talk on DX clusters, with a live demonstration of Telnet-based software used to keep track of current activity.