

Minutes, TCARC Board Meeting, 6 November 2008
7:00 PM, Fire Service Institute, Champaign IL

Present:

Larry Mohr K9LMM, Vice President
Milt Forsberg K9QZI, Treasurer
Chris Anderson W9CMA, Secretary
Al Wolfe K9SI, Director
Wayne Hamilton AB9FJ, Director
Jeremy Lamb KC9KGJ, Director

1. In the absence of Mike K9MLT, Larry presided over the November meeting.
2. Chris distributed the minutes of the October 2008 Board meeting. Al moved to accept it as printed, Jeremy seconded, motion carried with no objection.
3. Milt distributed the Treasurer's Report for October 2008. Jeremy moved to accept it as printed, Al seconded, motion carried with no objection. Milt also mentioned the current newsletter contains a request for email addresses from those wishing to receive it online to save the club postage and materials costs.

4. Old Business

--Somerset Township/Ford-Harris Park Emergency Operations: Milt noted that there is a ham living next to the park and recommended that we investigate the possibility that he might wish to be involved in the project. Ralph W9PGE and Steve N9XDC are still working on the details of the project.
--In the absence of an agenda, Chris attempted to mention that he still had not received information (e.g., contact information, past correspondence) to enable him to complete the letter to Somerset Township requesting use of the park for Field Day 2009, but was unable to elicit a response.
--Social Events: A chili supper/cook-off might be a good idea for February weather permitting.
--Auction: Date still to be determined, with Al coordinating with the facility and Milt working with Steve KR4S and his hamfest calendar.

5. New Business

--There will be a foxhunt November 16, beginning at Centennial in Champaign 2pm-4pm, according to Al.
--December Meeting: For December, Al expects to demonstrate a TDR (time domain reflectometer) and also explain how two repeaters (K9SI and W9YR) operate using the same antenna system.
--Future Meetings: January's topic may be software-defined radios. Larry is working on upcoming meetings and is encouraging anyone with topics, expertise, willingness to present, etc. to step up and volunteer. Milt offered to give a presentation on the current state of digital scanning locally. Wayne reminded us that Deb N9DN has two videos on digital operation we might include as part of one or more programs.
--D-STAR: Milt stated that we have had three D-STAR Nets (W9YR repeater, Wednesday 9pm local), with participation including several Moultrie County club members. Total check-ins 8, 14, and 9 respectively. Internet service for Gateway access is still in the works, with Milt and others researching the various ways of getting it to the site.

Motion to adjourn: Wayne. Second: Milt. We did.

Addendum:

11 November 2008, Fire Service Institute Building, 7:00 pm, TCARC meeting, 14 attendees.
Larry Mohr K9LMM and Nick Popa W9MH presented a program on the use of the Solder-Flo Oven, a processor-controlled oven for surface mount parts soldering.