

Minutes from TCARC board meeting for Sep 2005 Held 08 Sep 2005 1700-1900 at Pizza Garden in Savoy

In Attendance:

Mark KA9SZX, Al K9SI, Andrew K9CW, Milt K9QZI, Bob WA9KGU, Wayne AB9FJ

Items discussed:

* Treasurer's report

Milt provided reports for Jun-Jul-Aug 2005, which were dominated by spending for Field Day, Taste of Champaign, and the TCARC newsletter.

* Future board meetings

will be held the Thursday before the 2nd Tuesday (regular meeting night), at 1830-1900, at the Fire Service Institute if that can be arranged.

* Sep 2005 general meeting will be a club picnic. Subject to availability, the site will be Burwash Park in Savoy, or Ambucs Park in Urbana, or Meadowbrook Park in Urbana.

The date will be either Sat the 24th or Sun the 25th. Plan to start at 1630.

* 162.2 Hz CTCSS tone access for TCARC's 146.76 repeater is expected to go into effect 01 Nov 2005. Watch for other local repeaters to follow suit for consistency.

* Movement of 146.76 repeater to new tower is currently awaiting FCC approval for movement of commercial broadcast antennas to the new tower. The newly purchased antenna for the 146.76 repeater is in place on the new tower, but the feedline has not yet been installed. Expenditures for the 146.76 repeater are expected to total \$1400-1500. Al K9SI has proposed acquiring an air conditioner for the shed housing the repeater. He also proposes mounting the shed on blocks to raise it off the ground.

* Program for October 2005 Meeting will be Al K9SI with video and discussion of the new tower installation.

* Committee assignments (some of these are suppositions/assumptions)

License Exams: Deb N9DN

Programs: Ralph W9PGE

Publications (newsletter): Milt K9QZI

Public Relations: Wayne AB9FJ

Repeater: Al K9SI, Ben K9BF, Mark KA9SZX

Audit: TBD

Nominations: TBD

Contest: Ben K9BF? Zack W9SZ? others?

Auction: Dave W9DML?

Field Day: Bill Butler WB9KMD has agreed to co-chair for 2006.

License Training: Milt K9QZI

2-Meter Net: K9QZI

* Taste of Champaign was considered to be less than a success. For next year, we're considering a presence at the Urbana Sweet Corn Festival instead. It doesn't conflict with Field Day, and we should get better public exposure.

* Auction 2006 we should start to make plans for next year's auction...

* other

We also had some brainstorming about boosting member activity, reviving dormant hams, etc. Wayne AB9FJ suggested looking at the mailing list of Terre Haute's Eastside Outdoor Ham Club at:

<http://donpine.homeunix.org/EOHC/index.html>

to see what other clubs are up to.

Wayne AB9FJ, Secretary
