



Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

5 April 9, 2007

I. Call to order

Bill Bode called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tampa Amateur Radio Club at 7:17 on April 5 2007 in The Tampa Amateur Radio Club Operations Center.

II. Roll call

Bill Bode conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Bill Bode, Keating Floyd, Bart Houser, Mike Fletcher, David Ward, Herb Atwood, Ian Renton, Lu Romero.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion was made by Mike Fletcher to skip the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting as our secretary was not present. The motion passed by acclamation.

IV. Open issues

New Board Makeup

- a) Bart Houser moved that Bill Bode be Chairman for the next year. Herb Atwood seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.
- b) Mike Fletcher nominated Bill Bode as President. Keating Floyd seconded. After discussion and agreement, the nomination passed by acclamation with no dissent.

- c) Mike Fletcher moved that the by-laws be re-written before the next annual meeting to eliminate the position of Chairman. Keating Floyd seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.
- d) Lu Romero moved that Ian Renton be retained as the treasurer. Herb Atwood seconded. After some good-natured bantering, the motion passed by acclamation.
- e) Mike Fletcher nominated Keating Floyd as secretary. Bart Houser seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.
- f) Lu Romero nominated Keating Floyd as 1st Vice President. Bart Houser seconded. The motion passed by acclamation after discussion.
- g) Bart Houser nominated Herb Atwood as 2nd Vice President. Lu Romero seconded, and the motion passed by acclamation.
- h) Bill Bode opened discussion on retaining current HF & VHF trustees. Minimal discussion ensued, and we all agreed to retain Mike Fletcher as VHF and Bart Houser as HF trustees.

Board Members

Discussion ensued about retention of inactive board members. Tabled until next board meeting.

New Membership type

Discussion held about a new class of member, the “inactive” class, as a method for retaining members who are not particularly active but who still wish to support the club. Tabled pending further discussion.

Treasurer’s Report

Ian Renton reports that we have \$4749.60 in the account, and provided a statement of accounts. Lu Romero moved to accept the treasurer’s report, Bart Houser seconded. Discussion ensued about disposition of the facility account moneys, as there appeared to be a discrepancy. After careful review, it was decided that there is no discrepancy and that the Facility account funds are well accounted for. The motion passed by acclamation.

Further discussion ensued, pursuant to removing Lu from the bank signatory card. Secretary will draft a resolution for the bank to perform said removal.

Treasurer will examine Paypal account using the TARC's treasurer email account.

Secretary's Report

New Secretary present, and provided input as to how minutes would be disseminated to the general population. The minutes will be transcribed, and a copy provided to the board via email, with a due date for changes. After the due date, the Secretary will provide the webmaster a copy of the minutes, to be posted as "un-approved" minutes. The Secretary will also inform the webmaster when the previous months minutes are "approved." This method will be followed for board meeting minutes and general meeting minutes.

HF Trustee Report (Bart Houser)

- a) Willing to continue as trustee
- b) Logging software

Next program night will be given by Julio Peralta, on the topic of Logic, and how to use it.

- c) RTTY Interface boxes

Ian will mount the new interfaces into boxes.

VHF Trustee Report (Mike Fletcher)

- a) Willing to continue as trustee
- b) Link controller & DVR to be returned for repairs.
- c) Repeater codes

Trustee re-iterated need for Net Control ops to understand how the system works, and to not time out the box.

- d) 6-meter repeater

The repeater is in the shop for repair.

- e) Phone patch

Discussion ensued. NOT a good idea, according to current trustee. It IS a good idea to get the patch in the radio room working for on-demand patches, however.

EmComm Report

- a) Lots of Kudos for ARES/RACES in the drill.
- b) It was noted that TARC is an integral part of the ARES/RACES plan but that understanding seems to have slipped away from ARES/RACES

membership, that TARC has “lost its identity.” Discussion ensued for how to solve that.

No resolutions, but Keating will work to present TARC is the appropriate light.

c) EmComm Fair coming up at the EOC on the 2nd of June. TARC needs to create a display and a presentation. Lu will create PPT, with input from Jim. Lu also has access to big plotter. Status of this will be discussed at 23rd April meeting.

TARCFest

- a) Coming on Saturday the 14th.
- b) Clean up this Saturday, the 7th.
- c) Mow, pull weeds, etc.
- d) Mike Fletcher will mow.

Field Day

- a) Still to be same class.
- b) A MARC training session will be held on the 23rd of June.
- c) COV will be available as well.
- d) Keating will also request the EDICS trailer.
- e) Discussion on being sure that CERT folks, and other new people interested in amateur radio, be invited to participate.

V. Adjournment

Keating Floyd moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 Lu seconded.
Bill Bode adjourned the meeting at 9:25.

Minutes submitted by: Keating Floyd

Minutes approved by: TARC Board on 3 May 2007.