



Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes
3 May 2007

I. Call to order

Bill (N4WEB) called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM on May 3, 2007.

II. In attendance:

Bill (N4WEB), Mike (NI4M), Dan (KA2TOC), Biff (K4LAW), Bart (AF4TK), Jodi (KI4FWJ), Keating (KC4HSI), Jim (W3DIT), Ian (W4RIR) and Lu (W4LT).

III. Secretary's Report

Keating (KC4HSI) presented the minutes from the last meeting, held April 3rd 2007. Mike (NI4M) moved to have the minutes from the 3 April meeting accepted as printed. Jim (W3DIT) seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

IV. Treasurer's report

Ian (W4RIR) presented his written report, stating our balance for this period is \$6325.54.

Upcoming bills were discussed, primarily an approximately \$500 insurance payment.

The paypal account was discussed. There is \$230.64 in our account, and Ian (W4RIR), moving forward, will include this information in our financial statement. Bill (N4WEB) moved that we continue to accept membership payments via paypal. Ian (W4RIR) seconded, and, after discussion, the motion passed 10 to 2. To be put on the May 2008 agenda is a discussion of the effectiveness of paypal.

Paperwork related to the estate of Albert Burke (W3VR, SK) was presented to the President by Biff (K4LAW). It was moved by Mike that "funds from the Burke estate are to be kept in a fund or foundation for the future benefit of the club. Final details to be decided by the Board." This motion was seconded by Lu, and passed by acclamation with no dissent.

Mike (NI4M) moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Keating (KC4HSI) seconded, and the motion passed by acclamation.

V. Dues are due

Ian (W4RIR) mailed out 2 sets of letters. One, to members who have paid, thanking them for their payment, and a second set to anyone who was a member since 2003, asking for their dues.

VI. TarcFest report

Bill (N4WEB) reported 325 people, 51 vendors, 4 inside booths, \$102 from the club table and approximately \$600 revenue from food sales, for a gross of \$1521. There were \$200 in expenses, providing the club with \$1321 net on the event.

Discussion was held on ways to do things differently for the next TARCfest.

a) A better job with parking the vendors is needed.

b) We need a new "main line" vendor. Keating (KC4HSI), as our FGCARC rep, will request a vendor list from FGCARC.

The next TARCfest, TARCfest 18, is scheduled for August 25, 2007.

VII. Field Day

A number of items relating to Field Day were discussed.

a) 6 Weeks to go!

b) Bill (N4WEB) will provide 4 laptops, with serial ports, for FD.

c) We have the following vehicles lined up:

The "COV"

A FrontLine trailer

The Region 4 MARC unit

The Hillsborough County EDICS trailer

Ian (W4RIR) will bring his camper.

d) The Team Captains are not completely lined up yet; however here is where we stand at this time:

CW: Biff (K4LAW)

SSB:

GOTA: Ian (W4RIR), with some thought the Jodi will co-captain.

VHF:

Satellite: Dan (KA2TOC)

e) Mark & Cathy will be asked to participate.

f) A "Girl GOTA" team was discussed, echoing the fun that was had a few years ago.

g) Herb has placed sign-up sheets on the door of the radio room for operating times.

h) We need to be sure we are on top of the bonus points.

i) Technical problems

We have issues with:

The military masts need repair. Bart (AF4TK) knows someone who can weld.

One of the C3 Antennas perhaps is missing parts.

There is possibly a problem with one of the rotors.

A Connex-inventory day is needed to clarify and resolve these issues.

j) CERT Teams will be invited to participate.

VIII. Geezer Gear

There is much activity in this area. Most pieces of equipment should be returning to the clubhouse over the next couple of weeks.

The DX-100 work is complete.

The Collins rig is looking beautiful.

The National should be ready soon – the main transformer needs rebuilding/repairing, etc.

IX. Grounding

This work is moving forward rapidly. There are several drops already brought down from the halo, with more to follow. The tower is being grounded, as well.

X. VHF Trustee

Mike (NI4M) has a Return Authorization and will be shipping out the controller this coming week.

XI. HF Trustee

Much discussion held on assorted misbehaviors in the radio room. Somehow, the radios keep having their configurations changed. Bart's position is "No Touchy the cables" for the IC-756 side of the house. Ways to monitor/manage this were discussed, with general agreement that it's a problem, and we should all keep aware of potential issues.

Generally, put things back the way they belong, was the concensus.

XII. EmComm Fair

Mike (NI4M) brought in a display board.

Jim (WA3DIT) will bring his presentation.

Keating (KC4HSI) will bring a CD with info for Lu (W4LT)

Lu (W4LT) will prepare a powerpoint

We'll need to staff our booth, as Keating (KC4HSI) will be doing EOC things that day (which might include running a grill...)

XIII. Calendar

Discussion on various calendar items was held. Keating (KC4HSI) will publish and promote the calendar.

XIV. Club History

Jerry Gault (N4AVM) wishes to do a club history. It was decided to let him proceed, and provide history to the board.

XV. Special Service Club

Potential issues with our SSC status were raised. Bill (N4WEB) to look into our status.

There was also discussion of a missing 70-year ARRL affiliation plaque that will be looked into.

XVI. Gate Lock

The front-most gate lock is not working properly. Bill (N4WEB) will look into repair/replacement.

XVII. Adjournment

Keating (KC4HSI) moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23. Jim (WA3DIT) seconded.

Bill (N4WEB) adjourned the meeting at 9:23.

Minutes submitted by: Keating Floyd (KC4HSI).

Minutes approved by: Not Yet Approved.