

Approved Minutes

December 2, 2010

TARC Board of Directors

- I. Call to Order
 - a. President Bill Bode, N4WEB, called the Board of Directors to order at 7:03 pm.
- II. Roll Call - a quorum of 7 members were present.

Board Member	Call	Present	Absent
Bill Bode, President	N4WEB	X	
Mike Fletcher, Vice President	NI4M	X	
Biff Craine, Secretary	K4LAW	X	
Cindy Feuer, Treasurer	N4CDF	X	
Bart Houser, W4DUG Trustee	AF4TK		X
Keating Floyd, N4TP Trustee	KC4HSI		X
Jim Gerhart (3 yr - 2012)	WA3DIT	X	
Jodi Pecoraro (3 yr - 2012)	KI4FWJ		X
Larry Gispert (3 yr - 2013)	KR4X	X	
Dan McDonald	KA2TOC		X
Carl Shawver	W4EIB	X	
Total		7	4

III. Officer's Reports

a. Secretary's Report

- i. The minutes of the November 4, 2010 meeting of the Board were summarized by Biff, K4LAW. Upon motion by Cindy, N4CDF seconded by Carl, W4EIB, the minutes were approved with corrections to section VII (date of TARCfest changed to January 22, 2011) and typographical error to section XII (word "meeting" deleted).

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. Cindy, N4CDF, reported on the account balance of \$6,211.07 of which \$2,966.45 is earmarked for Training. Discussion ensued regarding the available funds which were committed to repair to the rotor on the rear tower. Cindy, N4CDF reported receipt of partial funding of insurance claim from the August Event of \$1985.50, covering reimbursement for 5 computers and 2 Stationmasters. Discussion of the needs for the club to be acquired at the Tampa Bay Hamfest December 4th which included both N connectors and PL 259 connectors of good quality for use in the radio room. The Yaesu rotator controller is likely a total loss from the August Event and replacement with an MDS brand controller with built in serial interface for \$250 new was the consensus to replace it following the January

TARCFest. Neither the Yaesu nor the Orion rotor and controllers were on our covered equipment list. Following discussion, upon motion of Bill, N4WEB seconded by Jim, WA3DIT the Treasurer's Report was accepted and is attached to these minutes.

c. Trustees Reports

- i. Neither Trustee was present at the meeting. Bill, N4WEB reported on the status of the recovery from the August Event. IC 7700 was shipped to Icom in Washington State, diagnosis is damage to the logic board. Repair may not be effective or desirable and the logic board may need replacement. Such repair is covered by our insurance. The Pro IIs were shipped to Icom in Michigan, diagnosis damaged components on the logic board associated with the CIV interface. Repair may be \$90 for each radio, plus shipping. Such repair is covered by our insurance. Biff, K4LAW reported that the adjuster had agreed to cover the cost of shipping, although not provided in the policy, as long as the radios were repaired rather than being replaced. Receipts for shipping charges to date were provided to Biff, K4LAW for the claim.
- ii. Discussion ensued about the desirability of upgrading the Pro IIs to newer IC 7600s as a long term goal for equipment upgrade. Larry, KR4X questioned whether there was a plan for the radio room that we were trying to achieve. Bill, N4WEB responded that the radio room configuration was close to where we wanted it to be prior to the August Event. Biff, K4LAW suggested that the new Board in April should look at a long range plan for the radio room after taking office, which, by consensus met concurrence.
- iii. Bill, N4WEB reported that there was additional tower work to be completed and that jumpers and baluns would be examined to the extent possible, when Ron, KB4RON finishes the tower work. Total costs for his work will probably be within the \$500 figure previously approved by the Board.
- iv. Bill, N4WEB reported the ground to the radio room had been reconnected but that none of the radios were yet connected to the ground.
- v. Bill, N4WEB reported that the TARC 440 machine has the receiver disabled to prevent it continuously keying up from a mystery signal suspected to be coming from nearby equipment. Discussion ensued and, by consensus it was decided that the 440 machine should be moved from its location to the Drew Park site secured by TARC in 2008. Bill, N4WEB and Larry, KR4X will work on getting this done the week of December 13 when Larry returns from an out of town trip.
- vi. Carl, W4EIB raised an issue of the incompatibility of the Dell computer's Bios with the Rigblaster used for digital modes in position E. Discussion

ensued regarding replacing the Rigblaster with a Signal Link and the consensus was that a card costing \$5 could be added to the Dell in position E that would solve the problem, as reported by Bill, N4WEB, who will work with Wes, K4NQ to implement this inexpensive solution.

IV. TARCfest

- a. The upcoming TARCfest will be January 22, 2011. Bill will get flyers printed for the Tampa Bay Hamfest December 4th. Biff, K4LAW suggested personal distribution to tailgaters this weekend, which Bill, N4WEB said he would be able to do.
- b. Bill announced his needs for assistance. Mike Confer, W4AFR will organize parking; Biff, K4LAW will organize talk-in and the radio room monitoring. Bill, N4WEB will seek someone to be responsible for preparing and selling food.

V. Old Business

- a. There were no additional items of old business.

VI. New Business

- a. There were no additional items of new business.

VII. Adjournment

- a. There being no further items of business, on motion of Cindy, N4CDF seconded by Jim WA3DIT, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.