

Approved Minutes

April 7, 2011

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 8 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		8	3

- III. Officer's Reports
  - a. Secretary's Report
    - i. The minutes of the March 3, 2011 meeting of the Board were distributed by Biff, K4LAW prior to the meeting and a summary was read to the Board. There were no changes noted. Upon motion by Bart, AF4TK, and second by Jodi, KI4FWJ, the minutes were approved.
  - b. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Cindy, N4CDF, reported that funds on hand totaled \$3,581.41. A copy of the revised Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes. Biff, K4LAW moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jodi, KI4FWJ seconded the motion which passed without objection.
    - ii. Bill, N4WEB requested that the Treasurer, Cindy, N4CDF, prepare a 2011-2012 budget for presentation at the next Board meeting.
  - c. Trustees Reports and General Business
    - i. Bill, N4WEB reminded the Board that this was our organizational meeting at which Board officers would be elected. Mike, NI4M nominated Bill, N4WEB as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Jodi, KI4FWJ and passed without opposition.

- ii. Bill, N4WEB then entertained a motion from Jodi, KI4FWJ that the remaining officers continue in office for 2011-2012. The motion was seconded by Bart, AF4TK and passed without opposition. The officers of the TARC Board of Directors for 2011-2012 are as follows:
  - 1. Chairman Bill, N4WEB
  - 2. Vice Chairman Mike, NI4M
  - 3. Treasurer Cindy, N4CDF
  - 4. Secretary Biff, K4LAW
- iii. Bill, N4WEB led a discussion on the need for a club activity calendar to be used to provide greater distribution of information regarding upcoming events.
- iv. Keating, KC4HSI reported no success working on the receive issues currently plaguing the 147.105 repeater. A new dummy load would be added and other issues have been looked at. Mike, NI4M mentioned that the antenna was damaged during the storms of March and that it would be straightened but that had no impact on the problems. Mike, NI4M believed the problem to be an RF issue with the 800 MHz equipment now surrounding the 147.105 antenna. Work on the problem continues. Additional discussion ensued about the possibility of remoting the receive function at locations such as the Sulfur Springs Tower.
- v. Bill, N4WEB reported that the Pro II from Position B is still being repaired in Michigan and that the Microham switching system was still not functional. Until the switch box is repaired and the band decoders re-installed properly, the 40 meter beam will be dedicated to position A and the 20 meter element on the C31XR will be dedicated to position C. The other antennas including those on the front tower are fully functional and may be accessed via the patch panel.
- vi. Bill, N4WEB asked that Biff, K4LAW perform the annual review of the TARC ByLaws and report back with any recommended changes.
- vii. Discussion on the hospital surge drill which pointed out some problems that needed to be addressed through further training. One problem that was encountered was the inability for operators to find manuals on the equipment in order to make frequency adjustments. Participation otherwise was good. Two suggestions were offered by Biff, K4LAW to assist in operations at the radio room. First, pdf copies of all equipment manuals be obtained and placed in a folder on the computer at each operating position. Second, a club-wide numbering scheme for VHF/UHF channels on equipment in the clubhouse be standardized and programmed into each of the appropriate radios so that memory channels would become uniform across both bands and all radios. Jodi, KI4FWJ felt updating the operating

handbooks originally written by Lu, W4LT, would assist as well in simplifying operations and volunteered to make those updates.

- viii. Carl, W4EIB reported that the Signalink was acquired and installed and the club now had expanded capabilities including SSTV and Winmore (HF email).
- ix. Following discussion of the club's radio abilities, Biff, K4LAW discussed an assessment of the radio equipment and what we wanted to upgrade. Discussion centered around the club's Pro IIs which have been in service for a number of years and the current VHF/UHF equipment in position D. Following discussion it was consensus that a strategy for equipment turnover needed to be addressed, followed by a motion by Mike, NI4M to sell the Kenwood V7 from position D and buy a Kenwood D 710, two Diamond X-50 or equivalent dual band antennas, and a programming cable for the D 710. Bart, AF4TK seconded the motion which passed without opposition.

#### IV. TARCfest

- a. The upcoming TARCfest, TARCfest XXV, will be April 16, 2011. Additional advertising on various ham reflectors will be accelerated. Mike, W4AFR will be in charge of parking and Becky, W4BKY will coordinate the cooking and sale of food.

#### V. Field Day

- a. Biff, K4LAW reported that several people had accepted positions with various aspects of Field Day and that tests were needed to determine if the W4DUG training station could be used as a concept or whether too much interference would result.

#### VI. Old Business

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

#### VII. New Business

- a. There were no items of new business.

#### VIII. Adjournment

- a. There being no further items of business, on motion of Carl, W4EIB seconded by Cindy, N4CDF the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.