

Approved Minutes

February 7, 2011

TARC General Membership Business Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bill, N4WEB at 7:30 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and member introductions, a quorum was noted for business purposes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Biff, K4LAW, was not in attendance at the January general membership business meeting and minutes were taken by Keating, KC4HSI. On motion by Biff, K4LAW with a second by Mike, NI4M the reading of the minutes was waived upon an affirmative vote of the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cindy, N4CDF reported at total in the general account of \$2,181.87. Her report is attached. After discussion of recent revenues from TARCfest, Cary, K4CC moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mike, W4AFR and approved without opposition.

GENERAL BUSINESS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill, N4WEB reported on TARCfest XXIV.V which netted approximately \$1036.00. Dentronics, our first new radio vendor, reported they did pretty well, Tower Electronics also appeared at again and were located out front in the tailgate area. TARCfest XXV will be April 16, 2011 and TARCfest XXVI will be August 20, 2011.

Bill, N4WEB announced the location for the new Heights Aluminum Tower the club has acquired will be located where the Easyway tower is in the front corner of the building. The Easyway will be installed in the northeast corner of the lot to be used primarily for support of wire antennas. Bill announced it was his goal to get this tower up before the April TARCfest.

Bill, N4WEB announced that Biff, K4LAW was Field Day Chairman for 2011 and while the FD Food Bucket was passed around, Biff, K4LAW outlined the concept plan for FD 2011. Biff, K4LAW stated that there would be an effort similar to that effort in 2003 led by Warren, W1GUD in which TARC's 2A effort placed 2nd in the nation in the 2A Class from among nearly 500 entrants. That effort would include a repeat by the CW team who were assembled in FD 2010 and gathered over 1600 Qs in the effort in FD 2010. The same CW team has been confirmed for next year. It was announced that Warren, W1GUD was assembling a SSB contest team for the N4TP FD 2011 effort in hopes of raising the SSB Q total to boost TARC beyond last year's 4th place 2A finish.

In addition to the CW, SSB, GOTA and VHF stations that would be operated in the 2A Class, under the FD 2011 Concept Plan there will be an indoor W4DUG separate operation from the radio room running the radios on emergency power but with our fixed antennas as a E class operation to provide a practice and training station for those who wish to dabble in the contest but are still getting comfortable with the contest format. This station will be available for the 24 hour period and operators will be

coached by an experienced contestor to assist in learning and perfecting contesting technique. This station will not add to the number of transmitters of the N4TP operation and will be scored separately. To run E class, only the transmitter and receiver need be powered by emergency power, so deployment of the W4DUG training and practice station will not strain our resources, however, introducing more RF in the short space we have will need to be tested to determine how compatible the operation will be. One suggestion proffered by Warren, W1GUD has been to move CW to behind the club towards the railroad tracks and put SSB up on the hill across to the west where CW usually goes.

The complete outline of the FD 2011 Concept Plan distributed to the members is attached.

Following the presentation, Mike, NI4M moved to endorse the Concept Plan for FD 2011, as presented, with Bart, AF4TK seconding. The motion was adopted with no objections.

Keating, KC4HSI, Hillsborough County EC announced the following upcoming public service events and training events:

1. MS Walk coming up on the 12th of March
2. There may be an opportunity for hams to assist in the Bolt Run for the Leukemia Society on February 19th
3. The Marathon Oil Drill may need amateur radio, date and time TBA.
4. The Mass Casualty and Hurricane Drills are coming up, date and time TBA.
5. Classes for new technician and general class licenses will be coming soon, date and time TBD
6. Keating is inquiring of ARRL about the future of the emcomm training

Bill, N4WEB announced our email reflector system had been moved from Host Excellence to Google Groups to provide better searching, archiving more be more easily manageable. Members should experience no change. If you run into problems contact Dan, KA2TOC.

Bill, N4WEB announced nominations for Board of Director seats approved by the Board at their February meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at any time prior to the close of this meeting. The nominations announced were as follows:

Seat #1	Biff Craine, K4LAW	3 year term (4-1-2011 until 4-1-2014)
Seat #2	Cindy Feuer, N4CDF	3 year term (4-1-2011 until 4-1-2014)
Seat #7	Carl Shawver W4EIB	1 year term (4-1-2011 until 4-1-2012)
Seat #8	Dan McDonald, KA2TOC	1 year term (4-1-2011 until 4-1-2012)
Seat #9	Mike Fletcher NI4M	1 year term (4-1-2011 until 4-1-2012)

Bill, N4WEB presented these nominees as a recommendation of the Boards of Directors in the form of a motion which was seconded by Jodi, KI4FWJ and passed without opposition. A motion made by Cary, K4CC, seconded by Jodi, KI4FWJ to close nominations was ruled by the Chair Bill, N4WEB premature since nominations may be accepted until at any time during the meeting.

Cindy, N4CDF reminded all gathered that 2011-2012 dues were due March 31, 2011. Dues are due by March 31, 2011. Cindy, N4CDF announced the FD Bucket collected \$101.00 at tonight's meeting, prior to announcing the free raffle winner of a \$25 ARRL gift certificate was Bill, KC4JQH.

Biff, K4LAW mentioned Hi Tide Harry's gathering planned in Orlando this Saturday of the Orlando Hamfest. We will gather early to allow those who are coming to Orlando only for the day to join us. Dinner will be around 5:00 – 5:30 at the restaurant.

Bart, AF4TK announced that at the Magic Mall at Nebraska and Fowler, there is a vendor that has a whole wall of parts that would be useful in antenna assembly and repair.

Program Night this month on February 21 will feature a discussion by Larry, KR4X of his NVIS experimentation. Program Night March 21 will be an antenna building project which will likely be a J Pole. Sign up with Jodi, KI4FWJ for participation in this event.

Bill, N4WEB suggested that April's program may be a contesting training program which could lead to greater participation in the April 30-May 1, 2011 Florida QSO Party.

Biff, K4LAW gave an update on the insurance claim from the August event. The first portion of the claim has been paid for replaced computers and Microham band decoders (Stationmasters). The second part of the claim for repair of 3 HF radios (IC 7700, 2 Pro IIs) has been submitted to the adjuster for approximately \$742.00. The final part of the claim depends on whether the Microham switch box is repaired or replaced, which we should know following the Orlando Hamcation.

Bill, N4WEB announced the geezer gear in position G was working fine and invited anyone interested to schedule some time to learn to operate the gear and enjoy a night on AM.

There being no further business to come before the membership, Cary, K4CC moved that the nominations for the Board be closed. Jim, WA3DIT seconded the motion and nominations were closed.

Keating, KC4HSI moved to adjourn, Mike, W4AFR seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Adjournment occurred at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Biff Craine, K4LAW
Secretary