

Approved Minutes

March 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, read the Draft Minutes previously distributed via email to the membership. On motion by Barry, N4WNV with a second by Mike, W4AFR the minutes were approved as read upon an affirmative vote of the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cindy, N4CDF reported an updated total in the general account of \$3302.16. Her monthly activity report is attached. After discussion Keating, KC4HSI moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Pat, N8YDF and approved without opposition.

GENERAL BUSINESS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keating, KC4HSI reported problems with the 147.105 repeater. Receive audio being retransmitted is getting intermittent static to the point that the repeater has proven unusable from time to time. Lose connectors have been tightened and Larry, KR4X and Bill, N4WEB are going to replace connectors. Keating, KC4HSI noted that the power supply had been running warm. Joe, K4TJO commented that the problems seemed to be internal between receive and transmit. To help diagnose the problem, Mike, NI4M has volunteered his Yaesu repeater to be put in place of the existing machine so it can be worked on and to see if the other repeater exhibited the same problems, then it may be that the RF field that the repeater antenna lives in may be causing the problem.

Biff, K4LAW reported that Bart, AF4TK, who came by the clubhouse prior to the meeting, is recovering from heart bypass surgery and is doing better.

Bill, N4WEB announced that the finals in the IC 756 Pro II in Position B were discovered Saturday to have burned out. It has been sent off and should be back in a couple of weeks.

Biff, K4LAW, Field Day Chairman for 2011 discussed the progress of FD 2011 planning while the FD Food Bucket was passed around. Keating, KC4HSI has agreed to be responsible for securing vehicles to serve as operating positions. Carl, W4EIB has secured use of the Idlewild Baptist Church's emergency trailer for FD 2011. Joe, K4TJO will assume responsibility for our power needs. Bill, N4WEB volunteered to head the deployment of the stations in the field. Lu, W4LT has accepted responsibility for station automation and FD reporting. The FD food kitty was fed \$53 at the meeting bringing the food total for Kathy, KF4KJY to prepare the great FD food to \$225.

Bill, N4WEB reminded everyone that TARCfest XXV was going to be held on April 16th. Mike, W4AFR will handle getting a team together for parking. Carl, W4EIB and Biff, K4LAW will man the radio room, demonstrating our radios and greeting prospective members.

Bill, N4WEB announced the March program was being handled by Jodi, KI4FWJ and Keating, KC4HSI and it would be an antenna building program. Jodi, KI4FWJ will send out email with details and costs to participate. It will be a J-pole antenna and will only require assembly. The cost will be approximately \$12.

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 at Lowery Park Zoo
2. The Mass Casualty Drill will be March 23rd.
3. The Hurricane Drill is coming up, date and time TBA.
4. Classes for new technician class licenses will be March 26 and April 9

Keating, KC4HSI announced a new web site for public service events at www.hcaresraces.org. Event information can be obtained by writing to events@hcaresraces.org and training information can be obtained by writing training@hcaresraces.org. The web site also has all necessary registration forms.

Bill, N4WEB announced nominations for Board of Director seats drew no opposition at the February meeting. Mike, W4AFR moved election of the unopposed nominees by unanimous consent. The motion was seconded by Cary, K4CC and was approved without opposition. Board Members elected tonight to new terms 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)

Biff, K4LAW gave an update on the insurance claim from the August event. The first and second portions of the claim have been paid for replaced computers, Microham band decoders (Stationmasters) and repair of 3 HF radios (1C 7700, 2 Pro IIs). The final part of the claim depends on whether the Microham switch box is repaired or replaced.

Cindy, N4CDF announced the sudden passing of member Bruce Barnhart, AJ4WA. A collection was taken for the family.

Joe, K4TJO moved to get the propane tank filled well in advance of FD 2011. Bill, N4WEB stated that there were plans to have the tank filled and that we would be on the list for service.

There being no further business to come before the membership, Keating, KC4HSI moved to adjourn, Mike, W4AFR seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Adjournment occurred at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Biff Craine, K4LAW
Secretary