

Draft Minutes

November 3, 2011

TARC Board of Directors

- I. Call to Order
 - a. President Bill Bode, N4WEB, called the Board of Directors to order at 7:30 pm.
- II. Roll Call - a quorum of 11 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	
Warren Elly (3 yr - 2012)	W1GUD	X	
Jodi Pecoraro (3 yr - 2012)	KI4FWJ	X	
Larry Gispert (3 yr - 2013)	KR4X	X	
Dan McDonald	KA2TOC	X	
Carl Shawver	W4EIB	X	
Total		11	0

- III. Officer's Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report
 - i. The reading of the minutes of the October 6, 2011 meeting were previously distributed to the Board. Bart, AF4TK moved that the reading of the minutes be waived and accepted as published, which was seconded by Cindy, N4CDF and passed without opposition.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Cindy, N4CDF reported the total of all accounts in the treasury was \$4,262.93. Biff, K4LAW moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Carl, W4EIB and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.
 - c. Trustees Reports and General Business
 - i. Bart, AF4TK announced that the Microham wiring was complete and the automatic band switching in Positions A and C was once again working. Bill, N4WEB stated that the Polyphasers used for protection from surges were not designed for HF frequencies and were clamping when RF was being put through the transmission lines running from the switch boxes at the base of the back tower. These will need to be replaced with Polyphasers designed for use at HF frequencies.

- ii. Bill, N4WEB announced the problem with the cans on the 443.025 repeater had been identified and corrected and the repeater moved back to the stadium location, where it was up and running. New crystals have arrived to eliminate additional problems with the repeater audio. The move came due to high swr at the Drew Park site and although we have a replacement antenna, we will likely need about 200 foot of hardline. Replacement of the antenna and hardline will have to be coordinated with the site owner, T Mobile. Replacement costs will be estimated.
- iii. Bill, N4WEB announced upcoming dates for the Tampa Bay Hamfest, December 3rd and 4th; the antenna demonstration December 5th to beheld in lieu of the business meeting with a possible move to the EOC; December 12th Christmas Party at Gino's catering venue, the Villa.
- iv. Bill, N4WEB announced that Field Day 2011 results were posted with the N4TP effort in category 2A placing 8th nationally, 1st in Florida and 1st in the Southeastern Division. re to see the live feed from the radio room on the internet.
- v. Bill, N4WEB reported on a situation that had occurred in connection with the assistance given to the widow of a silent key, Ms. Bonifay Gunter. Keating, KC4HSI had volunteered to assist Ms. Gunter in the disposal of her late husband's ham radio equipment and related gear and had taken custody of the items and had offered them for sale at the April TARCfest. Ms. Gunter had contacted Bill, N4WEB about two and a half weeks ago since her efforts to contact Keating, KC4HSI to retrieve the funds from the sale and remaining equipment over the past months had been fruitless with no return phone calls to her messages left. Bill, N4WEB reported his efforts to have Keating, KC4HSI resolve this issue with Ms. Gunter without success. Bill, N4WEB stated that Ms. Gunter came to the clubhouse on October 27 where both he and Biff, K4LAW met with her and her daughter who voiced displeasure with the situation and was threatening further action to retrieve the funds and the property entrusted to Keating, KC4HSI. At that meeting, Bill, N4WEB pledged to her that he would do whatever was needed to resolve the situation. Ms. Gunter left a hand-written list of the equipment entrusted to Keating, KC4HSI, for disposition. Following the October 27 meeting, Biff, K4LAW projected values for the equipment on the list, the total of which was between \$800-\$900, without knowing the condition of the equipment on the list or what had been sold in April, and for how much. Bill, N4WEB reported that Keating was to bring the equipment remaining and the funds to the clubhouse on Saturday October 29th, which did not occur. Similarly, representations by Keating that he would bring the remaining equipment and funds to the club on October 31st and November 2nd did not come to pass. It was not until

November 3rd that a full accounting of what was sold was provided by Keating, KC4HSI. Keating, KC4HSI stated he had \$440 cash and the remainder of the equipment with him. Discussion ensued leading to a motion by Biff, K4LAW to settle this issue by having the club offer Ms. Gunter \$800 in exchange for a waiver of any action related to this situation, title to all of the equipment entrusted to Keating, KC4HSI and agreement to keep terms of the settlement confidential and liquidate the remainder of the equipment as quickly as possible to assure no extended financial exposure to the club. Cindy, N4CDF seconded the motion. During discussion, Warren, W1GUD offered an amendment to the motion that would set a policy to prevent the club from ever getting involved as a club in the disposition of an estate. The amendment was acceptable to the maker of the motion and its second. The motion was approved.

IV. TARCfest

- a. The upcoming TARCfest, TARCfest XXVI.V will be held in January 14, 2012, but the date may require moving in 2013 due to a 2013 conflict with Ft. Myers Hamfest.

V. Field Day

- a. Bill, N4WEB announced that the Field Day 2012 would need a Chairman.

VI. Old Business

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

VII. New Business

- a. There were no items of new business.

VIII. Adjournement

- a. There being no further items of business, on motion of Larry, KR4X and seconded by Cindy, N4CDF the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.