

Draft Minutes

January 6, 2011

TARC Board of Directors

- I. Call to Order
  - a. President Bill Bode, N4WEB, called the Board of Directors to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Roll Call - a quorum of 10 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		10	1

- III. Officer's Reports
  - a. Secretary's Report
    - i. The minutes of the December 2, 2010 meeting of the Board were distributed by Biff, K4LAW prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Mike, NI4M seconded by Jim, WA3DIT, the minutes were approved as distributed.
  - b. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Cindy, N4CDF, reported on the account which had an opening balance of \$6211.07 and a closing balance as of January 6, 2011 of \$1447.88. Revenues of \$321 we deposited during the period, expenses included a transfer of \$2,966.45 to a separate Training Account, and expenses as itemized as \$2117.74. The largest expenditure not linked to revenue was \$680.00 paid for tower work. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached. Bill, N4WEB moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jim WA3DIT seconded the motion and the Report was accepted unanimously. Discussion ensued regarding the excess funds left over from the payment of the caterer and related expenses and Cindy, N4CDF moved to put the excess funds in the facilities account, Keating, KC4HSI seconded and the motion was adopted unanimously.

c. Trustees Reports

- i. Both Trustees were present and supplemented these discussions. Bill, N4WEB gave an update on the facilities issues and the status of the recovery from the August Event. All radios have been repaired, returned and are in place. Unknown issues still exist with the switching mechanism associated with the Microham controllers. Investigation is being completed to determine whether the switching unit at the base of the tower is properly functioning, which it appears it is not. Bill, N4WEB reported that there was additional tower work to be completed and that a balun had been taken from the field day antenna and used to replace the blown balun on the C31XR 10 meter driven element. Bill, N4WEB also reported that in the course of tower work, it was observed that the 15 meter elements on the C31XR are not correct, with a director element of greater length than the 15 meter driven element. This is causing SWR problems on the 15 meter band on the C31XR. Biff, K4LAW suggested that a new 15 meter driven element for the C31XR be ordered from Force 12 and the director could be mechanically shortened. In addition a new balun to replace the one taken from the field day antennas will need to be ordered.
- ii. Another observation that was made by Ron, KB4RON as he did the work on the back tower is that a branch of a tree in the rear yard is pushing out on one of the guy cables significantly. Jodi, KI4FWJ will attempt to secure use of a bucket truck for pruning the tree limb that threatens the stability of the rear tower.
- iii. Jumpers on the front tower were examined and found to be a source of problems on the front tower C19XR. Repair was made, and the consensus was that it would be a good time to replace the jumpers with premade jumpers by the Wireman or Cable Experts as soon as needed lengths for the jumpers could be identified, possibly ordering prior to the Orlando Hamfest in February for pickup at the Hamfest. Total costs for tower work to date have been paid out and totaled \$680.00.
- iv. Bill, N4WEB reported that the TARC 440 machine has been relocated to the RANT site acquired by TARC and he and Larry, KR4X had spent time adjusting the machine. The machine experienced a power outage from a tripped GFI circuit breaker. The GFI had been reset and the machine is on the air and getting good signal reports.
- v. Carl, W4EIB has committed to working on the re-labeling of the patch panel.

IV. TARCfest

- a. The upcoming TARCfest will be January 22, 2011. Bill announced responsibilities for January's TARCfest. Bill, N4WEB will be responsible for the gate. Mike Confer, W4AFR will organize parking; Biff, K4LAW will organize talk-

in and the radio room monitoring. Becky, W4BKY with assistance from Jodi, KI4FWJ to get set up will be responsible for cooking at TARCfest. Cindy, N4CDF will be responsible for a work day to set up for TARCfest, Thursday January 20, 2011, after work.

V. Field Day

- a. Biff, K4LAW volunteered to chair the 2011 Field Day effort. Keating, KC4HSI has been working on county and city officials to obtain operating position vehicles.

VI. Old Business

- a. Joe, K4TJO has volunteered to check out the donated generators and if confirmed working condition, place them on the web on "Smokestack" a reflector to buy and sell generators. Discussion ensued regarding the selling of the trailers that were received with the generators and Mike, NI4M commented that the trailers should be offered for sale in conjunction with the sale of the generators. Following discussion, by consensus it was determined that the generators should be sold separately from the trailers but the trailers should be sold if the purchasing party wished to pay going price for the trailers, with the idea to convert as much of that equipment as was donated into cash to secure other equipment for our emergency power and other needs.
- b. Picot, AF4JK, Keating, KC4HSI and Bill AG4QX will be addressing the soffit issues at the club. Bill, N4WEB announced the wood for the repair was already at the club.

VII. New Business

- a. Elections are to be held in March for the 3 1 year positions (Carl, W4EIB; Dan, KA2TOC; and Mike, NI4M) and 2 3 year positions (Cindy, N4CDF; and Biff, K4LAW). The Board will discuss and approve nominations at the February 3 Board meeting, presenting the Board's recommendations to the General Membership February 7. At the February 7 meeting, nominations from the general membership will be accepted. Elections for the Board will occur March 7, and new Board members will be seated April 1, 2011.
- b. Keating, KC4HSI announced that his presidency of FGARC was over and that he will serve that organization as its Vice Chairman. Bill, AG4QX will be serving as FGARC President in 2011. Keating also reported that the 2010 Tampa Bay Hamfest was a success, although attendance was slightly off the 2009 numbers.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. There being no further items of business, on motion of Jodi, KI4FWJ seconded by Cindy, N4CDF the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.