

Draft Minutes

October 3, 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

On motion by Carl, W4EIB and seconded by Biff, K4LAW reading of the Minutes of the September meeting was waived.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cindy, N4CDF, reported an updated total in the general account of \$4,786.90. Biff, K4LAW moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dan, W4SDP and the report was approved without opposition.

GENERAL BUSINESS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill, N4WEB announced the Microham switches were ready to be reinstalled and program. Automation of the antenna 1 position in Positions A and C should be accomplished soon.

Bill, N4WEB reported 10 meter openings and the club station had been used to work Christmas Island and the T32C DXpedition to Kiribati Island.

Bill, N4WEB reported that the Icom IC 746 from position E and the Kenwood TM V71 from position D were being sent to manufacturers for repair. Also the rotor on the back tower was about 40 degrees counter clockwise of the reading on the controller. New items which are to be ordered for the radio room include the MDS Rotor Controller to replace the Yaesu controller lost to the surge and an AD1-Y Heil headset adapter for use on the TenTec Omni VII.

Keating, KC4HSI reported continuing problems with the 443.025 repeater. The 443.025 is suffering from low power output with only 16 watts coming out of the cans. Bill, N4WEB stated that he was going to try and get some temporary cans to borrow to see if that is the problem. The 147.105 seemed to have been cured of its recent problems and the 147.105 repeater was once again repeating. This has led to the proper functioning of the nets that are on the 147.105.

Dana, AK4HL, the Ares/RACES Liaison, and Keating, KC4HSI, Hillsborough County Emergency Coordinator announced the following:

1. A reminder of the net on Tuesday night.
2. ARES classes will be held in January, wrapping around TARCfest.
3. The ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Larry, KO4AB was in attendance.
4. There are 160 registered ARES hams in the database. www.aresdb.com. Keep up to date with courses you have taken and your capabilities.

Bill, N4WEB announced that the Melbourne Hamfest was to be held October 8th and 9th, and that the Tampa Bay Hamfest would be held the 3rd and 4th of December at the Manatee County Convention Center, in Palmetto. \$9 advance/\$10 at the door. That same weekend NOAA in Ruskin will hold an open house. TACRfest XXVI.V will be January 14, 2012. Jody, KI4FWJ asked why the TARCfest was going to be on the 14th of January and Bill, N4WEB reported it was due to avoiding the same weekend as a hamfest at UCF.

Biff, K4LAW announce that CW training class had begun each Tuesday night.

Bill, N4WEB announced the Christmas Party would be held at Gino's Villa once again this year. The cost is \$25 which must be paid in advance.

Joe, K4TJO announced that the county had provided a new diesel tank for the club's diesel generator.

Keating, KC4HSI, discussed net participation in the TARCNet and the CERT Net. Mike, W4AFR pointed out the disappointing participation in the TARCNet by members of the club's Board of Directors.

Dana, AK4HL noted the ongoing struggles of getting the microwave link with the EOC, the issue being a difficult line of sight.

Bill, N4WEB mentioned that Keating, KC4HSI was presenting a program on Net Operations.

Tom, KJ4HUI announced the event known as "Winter Field Day" would be held the last full weekend in January. Tom, KJ4HUI will look into possible club participation.

Bill, N4WEB announced it is expected that Field Day 2011 results would likely be published by November 1, 2011. A top ten finish is expected in class 2A by the N4TP edffort which netted 11,000 points in tough conditions.

There being no further business to come before the membership, Carl, W4EIB moved to adjourn, Gary, W8SSB seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Adjournment occurred at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Biff Craine, K4LAW
Secretary