

## Draft Minutes

May 2, 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 not noted for business purposes.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Draft Minutes of the April 4, 2011 meeting were previously distributed via email to the membership and their reading was waived.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Cindy, N4CDF, Bill, N4WEB reported an updated total in the general account of approximately \$4,400.00 with approximately \$3,300.00 in the general account and \$1,100.00 in reserves. Gary, W8SSB moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bill, AG4QX and the report was approved without opposition.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Keating, KC4HSI reported continuing problems with the 147.105 repeater have been addressed following the use of a replacement repeater on loan from Mike, NI34M. A new dummy load was added in the circulator in an effort to bleed off some of the additional RF that is causing the receive problem at the repeater site, which seemed to cure the problem and the 147.105 repeater was once again repeating.

Bill, N4WEB announced that repair to the finals in the IC 756 Pro II in Position B is ongoing and he will contact the factory repair center in Michigan and find out what the delay has been. Bill, N4WEB also announced that the Microham switching was still non-functional due to burnt out relays.

Bill announced that the Kenwood TM V7 dual band mobile radio had been sold for \$230 and a new Kenwood TM D710 had been ordered, together with 2 Diamond X50 dual band antennas. Additionally, Bill, N4WEB noted that the Kenwood TM V71 was not working on transmit and he was looking into the problem.

Bill, N4WEB announced that he and several others had pulled down the Easyway tower on Saturday and thanked all who helped. Extracting the wonder post will be the next part of the operation.

Joe, K4TJO announced that he had gotten both of the recently donated generators generating and returned \$15.00 from advanced funds. Joe, K4TJO described the two generators by size, one a 30KW the other a 65KW and reinforced the fact that the 65KW would be sold and would be put on Smokestack.com immediately but the 30KW would be kept and have additional work done on it for use this Field Day. The 65KW will be listed around \$4,800.00, with the trailer it is on. An automatic transfer switch is available and will need to be wired in to the building by a professional electrician.

Bill, N4WEB announced the April program was being handled by Lu, W4LT and it would be on contesting, timely in that the Florida QSO Party will be coming April 30-May 1.

Keating, KC4HSI, Hillsborough County EC discussed the call out for self contained amateur operators to deploy to Alabama in areas hit by last months series of tornados. Keating, KC4HSI did not expect anyone to actually deploy due to the time passage and the narrow range of destruction from the tornados. Keating, KC4HSI also announced an upcoming hurricane drill (TBA) and a United Way drill which may call for amateur participation. The web site for public service events at [www.hcaresraces.org](http://www.hcaresraces.org). Event information can be obtained by writing to [events@hcaresraces.org](mailto:events@hcaresraces.org) and training information can be obtained by writing [training@hcaresraces.org](mailto:training@hcaresraces.org). The web site also has all necessary registration forms.

Bill, N4WEB noted that this past weekend was the Florida QSO Party and conditions were not good. The planned effort from the clubhouse was severely damped by conditions. Biff, K4LAW presented a framed certificate for the 2010 effort in the FQP that got N4TP first place for CW in Hillsborough County, third place statewide for CW and third place statewide for low power CW.

Biff, K4LAW, Field Day Chairman for 2011 discussed the progress of FD 2011 planning while the FD Food Bucket was passed around. Biff, K4LAW announced a planning session would likely be held in May with all of the members who have agreed to undertake specific tasks and also announced that to prevent interference with the run stations at the clubhouse grounds, the W4DUG training station would be run from the Hillsborough County EOC. There is a Kenwood 950 and 480 at the EOC with a B&W folded dipole and a 40/80 meter windom.

Jody, KI4FWJ announced that there would be a General/Technician class June 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. More information will be put out on the TARC reflector.

Bill, AG4QX, announced the upcoming Wormfest, May 28 at Freedom Lake Park in Pinellas County.

Keating, KC4HSI announced the MS bike ride would need communications and anyone interested should see Bill, AG4QX.

Bill, N4WEB reminded everyone that TARCfest XXVI was going to be held on August 20, 2011.

Bill, N4WEB recognized the hard work of Mike, W4AFR who scrubbed the floors in the clubhouse last week.

Gary, W8SSB noted difficulty with the gate lock which needs some lubrication.

There being no further business to come before the membership, Jody, KI4FWJ moved to adjourn, Bill, AG4QX seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Adjournment occurred at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Biff Craine, K4LAW  
Secretary