

## Draft Minutes

April 2, 2012

### 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, was not in attendance at the March general membership business meeting and minutes were not presented. The reading of the minutes was waived by the Chairman, Bill, N4WEB.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Cindy, N4CDF reported at total in the general account of \$3,913.19.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill, N4WEB reported that the 147.105 club repeater had been working well the past month with minimal interference from other services on the tower.

Bill, N4WEB reported that the rotor was not swapped out on the front tower due to finding some damage to the replacement rotor. Also regarding HF activities, the Omni VII is now connected to the network within the building but has not been made accessible over the internet. Bill, N4WEB announced that access codes would be distributed once the Omni VII is accessible over the internet to members.

Dana, AK4HL briefed the membership on radio licensing classes coming up on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of April, and the upcoming June SET, or simulated emergency test. Dana, AK4HL reported that Winlink would be used and that Larry, KR4X would be acting as the state EOC in the SET on 3.950MHz. Dana, AK4HL reported that the ARES/RACES Volunteer list was in need of revamping. There are 154 on the current list, which needs to be cleaned up. Dana, AK4HL also reported that the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office used ham radio in a recent test to contact far away agencies such as Homeland Security in the District of Columbia.

Bill, N4WEB reported that at this summer's Republican National Convention to be held in Tampa, there may be a role for ham radio in overall communications. Further details will be announced as they are made available.

Bill, N4WEB reported that May 12<sup>th</sup> may be a date when the tent proposed to be used at Field Day would be available to test deploy. It is a 20'x20' tent with air conditioning. Field Day is June 23, 24 and 25, 2012. Mark and Kathy will be providing cooking for the weekend and to date \$262 has been collected including \$55 at tonight's meeting.

Bill, N4WEB reported flyers for TARCfest on April 14<sup>th</sup> had been printed and circulated and reminded everyone of the gate increase to \$3 for entry. A dual band handheld was going to be included

as a door prize this year. Items left over from the estate sale are still available and will be sold at TARCfest.

George, KE4VDJ, represented an offer from the MOSI club for bound QSTs, about 15 foot or so of them. Bill, N4WEB stated that the offer would be discussed at the upcoming Board meeting, which was announced as Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 7:00 at the clubhouse.

Bill, N4WEB announced the Florida QSO Party is April 28, 29, 2012 and TARC will be signing one of 15 special 1x1 calls that earn special rewards for those who get all 15, which spell out FLORIDA QSO PARTY, celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the renewed FQP sponsored by the Florida Contest Group. Warren, W1GUD is signing up operators for both SSB and CW for the 20 hour contest.

It was announced that the Antique Wireless Association will have a gathering April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sarasota.

Bill, N4WEB reminded all to check in to the TARCNet, Tuesdays at 8:00pm local time.

There being no further business or announcements, Paul, KE4OPT moved to adjourn, Cary, K4CC seconded the motion which passed without opposition. Adjournment occurred at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Biff Craine, K4LAW  
Secretary