



Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

2 August 2007

I. Call to order

Bill (N4WEB) called the meeting to order at 7:10.

II. Roll call

Keating (KC4HSI), Herb (AG4TO), Ian (W4RIR), Bill (N4WEB), Jim (WA3DIT), Lu (W4LT), Bart (AF4TK), Dan (KA2TOC), Biff (K4LAW)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from last meeting were read and examined, and minor corrections were made. Jim (WA3DIT) moved we accept the modified minutes from the 5 July 2007 meeting. Bart (AF4TK) seconded, and the motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's report

Ian reports an actual bank balance of \$5909.09. This does not reflect a paypal balance of \$288.30. Keating (KC4HSI) moved to accept the report and Bart (AF4TK) seconded. The motion passed.

V. Facilities

Lawn mowing – Bill (N4WEB) requests helpers to mow the lawn. Bill (N4WEB) wants to know what we think needs fixing. Bill (N4WEB) is maintaining a list, and asks we please update him with what needs doing. It is suggested that Bill (N4WEB) send an email to the club at large. Eaves and soffits should be job #1. Roof fund needs money. Discussion on the Facilities

Committee and how it spends and acquires money – more money is needed in facilities.

VI. External

Bill (N4WEB) reports from Mike (NI4M) that Repeaters are repeating. We have not yet heard from Link on controller. According to Jim (WA3DIT) from a conversation with Larry (KR4X), Link is waiting for check from TARC to ship. Larry (KR4X) knows the number to Link, and Bill (N4WEB) will call Link to get info.

Coordination issues were raised. The '025 does not show as a coordinated repeater. The '105 repeater shows as TBARS.

VII. Internal

Bart (AF4TK) says there is no reason to shut off the computers, and requests that people not do so. We damage them every time.

5 or 6 new people have come in to radio room, asking first to have someone show them how to use the gear! This is happy-making.

There is a monitor missing from the office – does anyone know where it is?

VIII. ARES/RACES

ARECC/Level I – funds will be managed through the account.

The MOU that has been prepared will be presented to Fred for signatures.

Keating (KC4HSI) will prepare talking points for conversation with ARES/RACES to ensure the TARC facility can support ARES/RACES communications needs.

Dan (KA2TOC) has been talking with Suburban Propane. The generator will need to be 3' from building, tank 15' from that. 250 gallon tank, guessing 4-5 days run time. \$1200 installed, lease. Buy outright, \$2400-\$2500 Dollars. \$350 for transfer switch. Dan will provide info for discussion.

IX. Grounding Effort

Dave (KA4MEP) has been out of town. Conex cleaning has provided good amounts of wire and copper. Dave will work to complete this task.

X. Geezer Gear

Pat (N4TTJ) says the HRO is nearly done. Many caps & transformer needed replacing. He will hook up to the TR switch. We will need to have formal training and checkout on Geezer Gear. It can kill you. Pat will also work on the Collins. A handout/cheatsheet will be prepared.

XI. TARCfest XVII

6 people have volunteered. Parking is handled! Mark (N4SEX) & Kathy (KG4HPJ) not yet chatted up. Cooking should start early. Biff will send out a copy of the price list. Parking was a problem, should not be this time. Jim (WA3DIT) will work on the weather. Someone will need to babysit the radio room. Sonny (WA4EX) will be offered the clubhouse to run Southcars from clubhouse.

Keating (KC4HSI) will find out if MARS would like to hold a meeting. Leeron (KI4QJT) or Warren (W1GUD) for talk-in

XII. Items for sale

Danny Connor (KD5UJ) will be asked to sell our stuff, and will be provided tables to sell his and ours from.

XIII. 70CM Repeater antenna (Mike (NI4M) would like to buy for MOSI site.)
Bill (N4WEB) will check with Larry.

XIV. Force 12 purchase & swap

Keating (KC4HSI) moved that Bill (N4WEB) be authorized to swap his C4S for Brian's C4E. Bart seconded. Motion passed. Ian will issue the already-approved \$300 check.

XV. Contest? NAQP coming.

We will run the NAQP Phone contest. Bill (N4WEB) & Lu (W4LT) & Ian (W4RIR) to spearhead things.

XVI. The Estate of Albert Burke has provided a check in the amount of \$58,418.26 to the Tampa Amateur Radio Club. The money will be put in a CD by Ian (W4RIR and Bill (N4WEB). Ian (W4RIR) found that our bank has 5-month deal. 5.16% or yield of 5.3. It's in our bank, and is our preference, so it will be placed there.

Bill (N4WEB) has formed a committee to research our options for protecting this asset. 6 people, (not all from the board) will be asked to meet and present their findings to the board. Bill will ask the following people to serve: Biff (K4LAW), Mike (NI4M), Wes (K4NQ), Dan (KA2TOC) and Warren Rachels (WA4UQL.

XVII. Adjournment

Keating (KC4HSI) moved to adjourn. Herb (AG4TO) seconded. All gone.

Minutes submitted by: Keating Floyd (KC4HSI).

Minutes approved by: Not Yet Approved.