

Board meeting Feb 18, 2014

Members Present were:

Officers: Rich Kennedy, Randy Wildman , Bob Foxworth, Bill Johnson

Board members: Fred Delaney, Tom Evans, Al Sheppard, Bob Siegel, Geof Schuck, Mathew Stevens, Mike Oliver

Guests: Peggy Lang, Don Jeerings

- Rich began the meeting with a review of last months meeting:
 - Feelers have been sent to the Florida Polytechnic University in the hopes of getting engineering students involved with amateur radio
 - The spring picnic is scheduled for March 15, and will be held at Lake Parker Park
 - The latest band pass filter requested by Fred was purchased and is now in his possession
 - Patrick has volunteered to prepare food for Field Day 2014. He is looking for a large grill for use that day. A budget was approved for the food.
- Since the last board meeting, we had the first meeting of 2014. The speaker was Rich Kennedy, who presented the case for inexpensive alternative power supplies for use in amateur radio.
 - One of these power supplies is being used on the Buddy Pole DXpedition.
- Richard Sharp has been in discussion with Yaesu, is promoting a new repeater that functions in either the digital or analog world simultaneously. It is called the Yaesu Fusion. When Richard Sharp learns more, he will present his findings to the club.
 - Mike had some reservations with yet another proprietary format.
- Rich posed the question, “should the club sponsor a tailgate party for all the local clubs?”
 - Fred thought it would be a good ideal, especially for new hams looking for used equipment. There was some discussion about venue.
 - Mathew suggested that towns sometimes allow events like tailgate parties.
 - Bob Sigel thought that a tailgate party would be a good idea.
 - Bill asked Don if the Sun and Fun Grounds might be open for a tailgate party.
 - Don said that he had several contacts that might be helpful in answering this question.
- Al gave a progress report on his efforts to get JT65 up and running. Some highlights:
 - Patience required, QSO takes 4 minutes, but on the other hand incredible distances are possible at relatively low power, and less than optimal antennas.
 - Timing is important. Your computer clock must be within a second or two of standard time.

- In just a few hours airtime AI has been able to reach a dozen states, and several countries, including Australia.
- One unique feature of this mode is that the signal strength is generated automatically by the software and reported automatically.
- Fred addressed several items:
 - The club was in need of a PR man to replace George Mann. George will train his replacement. Bill will place the job opening on the blog.
 - He was a concern about having enough batteries for field day. It appears that we have sufficient power.
 - There was discussion about battery desulfators. These might be used to keep our batteries in peak condition, and extend their lives. Investigation is required.
 - Opportunity drawings during general meetings and on field day were discussed.
 - The pros and cons of a high-end radio were addressed for the opportunity drawings.
 - It was suggested that the radio could be a one-time door prize some month funded by 50/50 drawings at each meeting.
 - Mike suggested that we ask Yaesu to donate a radio for this purpose.
- Rich asked Mathew to run the 50/50 during the meeting. He agreed.
- Bob Foxworth gave the treasure's report. It is attached.
- Don was approved as LARC representative to TARC for next year.
- There was brief discussion about discounted membership rates for snowbirds. The board was not in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson, Secretary

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LARC Treasurer's Report

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Balance at BB&T as of 31 January 2014 was \$ 3807.05. A month earlier on 31 December it was \$3058.68. Deposits in January totaled \$576.00. Checks in January totaled 3 checks : Staples \$15.00, Orlando Hamcation \$120.00 and Tom Evans for \$ 36.18 for Amazon order of carbonless paper. The monthly service charge was \$3.00. There was one use of the BB&T check card for \$84.00 to pay cost of the 80 meter BPF for Field Day. This filter has been given to Fred Delaney K1DU. There have been 3 deposits so far in February.

New member Glenn Goodale, no license at this time, 3941 Laurel Branch Ct., Lakeland FL 33810 863-937-3310 glenngoodale1@ Verizon.net.

New member John Halley, no license, 2055 So. Floral No. 224, Bartow FL 33830, paid by check, no application was included. *WD4DGC ?*

Renewal received from KK4BMI, AB4JM and KC5TEN who sent new email addresses:

jimmurray3@tampabay.rr.com and gillmurray@tampabay.rr.com . Address 8908 Southshore Ct. Polk City FL 33868-9565. New callsign for Andrew Stevens WX4AMS formerly KK4KIC . Renewal from KT2T Mike Oliver and KI4OFV Trudy Oliver. Renewal from W4JGC, KI4WRX (this was the Unid Cash Renewal shown in last month's report). Renewal from N4WSC (who also donated \$100 to the club's treasury as he did last year), KG2G, KF4Q, KI4NBE and KJ4RNJ and AA4HT.

Audit. This should be completed tonight. Peggy N4PEG reconciled the monthly bank statements for 2013 against my record of deposits and checks written. My appreciation to Peggy for her skill in categorizing these items in a professional manner.

Our annual donation to Westminster Presbyterian Church of \$300 has been made. (Check No. 1256) This has been acknowledged by the Church. Other annual tasks to be done soon include the business license renewal and the IRS 990 form filing. The club ARRL liability insurance will come due in about 4 months.

Hamcation tickets. The club bought 10 at \$12 each and N4ESS bought 10 similarly, which were donated to the Club, and all were sold to club members at cost. There were 2 additional requests I know of that we could not meet. Next year I'd like to start this process in November and get advance commitments from buyers so one is left out and we also don't become overbought.

501c3 application. As of today's mail box check at the Kathleen Post Office, there is nothing to report.

Respectfully Submitted Robert Foxworth, Treasurer

