

Board meeting July 15, 2014

Members Present were:

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

Board members: Fred Delaney, Tom Evans, Al Sheppard, Matthew Stevens, and Dave Zdanowicz, Geof Schuck, Bob Siegel.

Guest: Don Jeerings, Norma Jeerings

- ❑ Rich started with debriefing of field day. There were difficulties, but all in all, things went well. Two problems that were addressed were short battery life and a rotor malfunction on one of the yagi antennas. After some discussion it became clear that there were advantages to renting, rather than owning and maintaining batteries. Rich will investigate. Worst case, we would need to rent 12 batteries.
- ❑ There was discussion about filters.
- ❑ There was discussion regarding the Walk For Warriors.
- ❑ Al suggested we investigate the possibility of a tour of Disney's underground electrical infrastructure.
- ❑ Bill reported that the blog was updated with the information on the Walk For Warriors. As soon as the images are available from the dinner, they will be posted on the blog. The same goes for any images taken on the Walk For Warriors.
- ❑ Bill Paul suggested, by text messaging, that the club have a license plate made with our call sign on it to hang on the wall at the Brunch Box.
- ❑ Bob Foxworth received a QSL card from a field day contact. This was noteworthy because QSL cards are rarely exchanged on this event.
- ❑ There will be two presentations at the next General Meeting. Dan will present a program on Dx-peditions., and Rich will make a presentation on experiences at the ARRL Centennial.
- ❑ The month after next we will have a "check your voltmeter" program. This will be a hands-on exercise. Members will bring their meters to the meeting. Tables will be set up to measure various parameters. Voltage, resistance, capacitor, and possibly frequency sources will be available. The results will be summarized at the end of the meeting and published.
- ❑ There was discussion about the venue for a future tailgate party. Nothing definite yet.
- ❑ The club's Yaesu repeater was discussed. It was suggested that Richard Sharp present a summary of the results of our trade trial to the board, and or the club. Richard will be contacted.
- ❑ There was some discussion about future picnics. It was agreed that Lake Parker is the more-friendly venue. There will be an effort to coordinate the next picnic with a contest.
- ❑ There was some discussion about alternatives to Jimbo's. In general, most were pleased with Jimbo's, but it is always good to have alternatives.

- Bob Siegel suggested we have another boat anchor program, this time featuring equipment that has been refurbished to like new and working condition.
- As soon as Mike Oliver reports on his signal strength findings with the new antenna, and after we have worked out the details of doing a remote program with Skype, we will begin to pursue speakers who, except for travel restrictions, would be willing to make presentations to the club.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Johnson, Secretary

LARC Treasurer's Report

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Balance at BB&T as of June 30th was \$4279.16. Balance as of May 30th was \$4409.26. Decrease is primarily due to field day expenses.

Checks shown on the statement ending 6/30 were # 1260 for \$32.10 to KI4ZMV for Tags Plus, and # 1261 for \$200.00 to Hays Companies for liability renewal.

Checks written in July were #1262 for \$202.46 to N4ESS for field day food and expenses, #1263 to KI4CDY for \$155.68 for field day items bought at WalMart, #1264 for \$253.04 to KJ4WFS for books bought at AES for club donation opportunity and #1265 for \$26.93 to KJ4WFS for Radio Handbook (Alibris) for donation opportunity.

Deposit (6/05) \$6.00, (6/10) \$25.00 KI4SGK dues, (6/30) \$74.00 cash income from donation chances at Field Day, (7/09) \$122.00 cash income from donation chances at July meeting, for chance to win the books mentioned above. Deposit (7/15) \$19.00 dues from KG4DUF and KG4IRN renewal (half year), 7417 Jessamine Dr., Lakeland 33810 \$12.50 dues from new member George Rezac, KBOQMN 3325 Fiddle Leaf Way, Lakeland 33811-3039 (half year)

Monthly service charge on July statement \$3.00 for prior period (June).

501c3 status nothing to report. The IRS has a web site to check status for "exempt" applications but they are still in October of last year and we sent the application in November.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Foxworth, Treasurer

