

Board meeting August 19, 2014

Members Present were:

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

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

Guest: Don Jeerings

1. Rich gave an update on N4PEG Peggy's condition before the meeting.
2. Rich read a letter from VISTE thanking us for our food donation.
3. Bob started the discussion of our of our club's application for 501-c3 status. On Aug 4th the IRS requested clarification on the purpose of our organization.
4. There was some discussion during which Bill attempted to clarify our position, and suggested Bob write a letter stating that we feel we qualify based on the fact that our organization is primarily for the purpose of education, and support this with section 2 of our bylaws only. Bob, Al, and Bill agreed to meet the next day to call the IRS for clarification, and then formulate a reply. (Note: this meeting took place. The IRS representative never returned our call, so we went with the original plan. Bob formulated a response, and after passing it by Al , Bill, and Rich sent it to the IRS.)
5. Geoff donated some radio test equipment to the club. Rich offered his barn for storage until we decide how to deal with this donation.
6. There was some discussion around plans for hosting a guest speaker using SKYPE. Tom and Mike are working on the technical details. Rich has a speaker or two in mind.
7. The group decided that October 18th, and Lake Parker Park would be the best day and venue for the next club picnic. The club will make its radio available during the picnic.
8. Tom announced that his presentation on multi-meters will be ready for the September meeting. Rich has procured, and will make available standard resistor and voltage sources for testing.
9. Rich announced that he was approached by a member of the Boy Scout's Of America's staff requesting training in ham radio. Rich agreed, and is awaiting their response. Classes would be held at the Lakeland Police Facility.
10. Don briefly discussed ground resistance, and techniques for measuring it. This could be a topic for a future meeting. He also showed a new type of rain gauge purported to be more accurate than any other on the market. Rich added that he might be able to get someone from NOAA to compare and contrast all the popular rain gauge measurement devices.
11. Bob gave the treasurers report. See attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Johnson Secretary

LARC Treasurer's Report

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Balance at BB&T as of 7/31 was \$3,791.55. The balance last month (6/30) was \$4,279.16. These as always are the banks figures. The approx. \$500 drop was for reimbursements for food and similar expenditures for Field Day and were made during the early part of July. Four checks were written totaling \$638.11. July 7, No. 1262 for \$202.46 for Field Day food, July 8 No. 1263 for \$155.68 for Field Day item purchased at WalMart, July 14 check No. 1264 for books to be raffled, and July 14, No. 1265 for \$26.93 for another raffle book. Both of the last two were written to Tom Evans who bought the books for the Club.

We incurred the monthly \$3 service charge for the bank account.

Deposits were on July 9 for \$122.00 for receipts for the "raffle" purchase opportunity at the July meeting, and on July 15 for \$31.50 (\$19 cash for dues from KG4DUF and KG4IRN, and \$12.50 check for due from KBOQMN, a new member, George Rezac of Lakeland.

A brand new member, until the end of the year, is John F. Laurent, KM4DMD PO Box 1018 Bartow 33831, 863 255-4424. My count now shows 80 members.

Hayes Insurance, the provider for the ARRL club liability insurance sent us the binder and coverage summary for the club's policy. It has been renewed until July 2015 under the same terms and conditions as before. I learned last month that the individual handling our renewal has again changed, and the previous handler at Hayes had again failed to update our contact info.

LARC received its reply from the IRS concerning our 501©3 application. They asked us to rewrite the charter to more accurately and more narrowly describe our purpose as a charitable organization and resubmit that part only, so it appears that the application is substantially finished and should then be acceptable. The reply time was in the 9 month range. We hope to finish this rewrite tonight and resubmit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Foxworth, Treasurer

