

Board meeting September 15, 2014

Members Present were:

Officers: Rich Kennedy, Bob Foxworth, Bill Johnson

Board members: Mike Oliver, Al Sheppard, Bob Siegel, and, Geoff Schuck. (Fred Delaney attended by phone.)

- Bob Foxworth announced that the club was approved for 501 c-3 status. A copy of the approval letter is attached. He noted that the club is now required to change the way we report to the IRS on a yearly basis. Bob Siegel, who has some experience with this matter, made some suggestions.
- Al Sheppard suggested that the club provide a formal receipt to recognize donations to the club. Some discussion ensued on the need to establish the value of a donated item, as well as the need for some method of recording how the club disposed of any donation. He suggested that the Vice President take on this task.
- Rich announced that he had received an invitation from the LPD to attend their open house. He will be looking for volunteers to man a booth at this event, which coincides with our October 18th picnic, and the Rattle Snake Run. Bill will advertise the three events on the blog.
- Rich did not receive a response from his letter to the Boy Scouts, offering to support their interest in obtaining a communications merit badge, and possibly amateur radio licenses. Training would be held at the LPD.
- Bill mentioned that in previous years we had a pop-up canopy supplied by one of our members. Bill suggested that our club should consider purchasing one.
- Fred agreed to do field day again next year.
- Mike is considering the possibility of moving the club website to an ISP. He also mentioned that some members had difficulty accessing our data on Yahoo Groups. He is will investigate Google apps as an alternate approach. Some discussion and concern about being locked into the “cloud” followed.
- Mike also offered to investigate donations to the club in the form of payroll deductions with matching funds from his employer.
- Mike gave an update on his portion of setting up a Skype link for future club presentations.
- Geoff suggested the possibility of remote attendance at meetings.
- Bill suggested that this might be an alternative for shut-ins who can not make the regular meetings.
- Bob Siegel complimented Bob Foxworth for all his effort in putting the package together for 501 c-3.
- Bill suggested that we thank Roger Shirko for his help and support in our effort for 501 c-3.
- Al reported on his effort as team leader for the nomination committee. So far he has commitment from Rich, Bill, and Bob Foxworth,
- Geoff suggested we might ask if the conference room at the Lakeland Lindner airport might be available for board meetings.

- Bill suggested that the Kathleen Historical society has a large facility that would be suitable for club meetings.
- Mike asked if there were any city or county buildings available for a clubhouse. Bob Siegel will investigate.
- Pros and cons over lease versus own were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Johnson, Secretary

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Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
October 17, 2013
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

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LARC Treasurer's Report

16 September 2014

Balance at BB&T as of August 29 was \$3799.86. Previous balance on July 31 was \$3791.55. Checks written in August were #1266 for \$7.19 to USPS for certified mail to IRS sent on August 25. One deposit in August was for \$18.50 on August 19 consisting of \$12.50 dues from a new member reported last month, KM4DMD John Frank Laurent for a half year, and \$6 cash from KK4FEM for adjustment for cost of name badges. There was a \$3 service charge on August 21 for the prior month as usual.

The IRS replied to LARC on September 3rd answering my reply to the clarification that they requested at the end of July which referred to the wording of the purpose of the Club. I replied to them on August 21. The response says that after reviewing the information, the club is exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to LARC then are deductible to donors under section 170 of the Code. Also, we are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. We are classified as a Public Charity (and not as a Private Foundation) under section 509 (a) (2) effective October 17, 2013. This designation is typical.

The IRS reply provides a link to an IRS publication called 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501 (c) (3) Public Charities which describes recordkeeping, reporting and disclosure requirements which now affect LARC. I have downloaded this 30-page document. It includes information on such topics as the continuing need to annually file Form 990 which is the information return that applies to organizations that are exempt from income tax. LARC has been filing this form in previous years. There are also cautions against politically based activities which should not affect this club.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Foxworth, Treasurer