

Board meeting November 23, 2014

Members Present were:

Officers: Rich Kennedy, Bob Foxworth, Bill Johnson

Board members: Mike Oliver, Tom Evans, Al Sheppard, Bob Siegel, Matthew Stevens,

The meeting began at 6:43 PM.

- As a result of questions raised at last month's meetings, a letter was drafted, sent to Richard Sharp, and copied to the board, outlining each of the issues below. Richard Sharp passed these on to Yaesu. The big question was if the upgraded repeater would be compatible with the new DR1 X. It turned out that the upgraded repeater first talked about would not be completely compatible with the new DR1 X. Yaesu's special offer to LARC was two brand new DRX 1 repeaters one to replace the beta machine for \$300, and a second DRX 1 for \$500, bringing the total to \$800. There is a one-year warranty on each repeater, starting from the day they are received. Our current repeaters could easily fetch \$450-\$500 each on eBay. The expenditure was approved.
- To date there are 65 persons signed up for the Christmas Party.
- Bill will remind everyone of the Christmas Party.
- There was a motion to skip the board meeting this December. After some discussion it was decided that there would be no board meeting in December, barring an emergency.
- Bob Siegel reported on his attempts to find an alternate location for club meetings.
 - Some other locations were discussed.
 - Al reported that Westminster, where we meet, was up for sale, but has not been sold.
- Matthew raised the question of how we would use the money from 50/50 chances each month.
- Some discussion ensued about the amount of money that might be collected, and the value of the prize that it could purchase. Last month was exceptional, but the club did net over \$80 dollars.
- Rich suggested that we poll the club for ideas of what the grand prize should be. Tom countered by saying that the suggestions would be all over the map.
- Matthew raised several questions. Should the prize be given at field day or next Christmas? He suggested asking club members for their ideas on what they would want for a prize.
- Four main issues surfaced. The first was what, the second was how much. The third time frame, and the fourth the mechanics of how.
- The board was divided. Should the prize be money, as in a gift card or a radio? On the one hand if the club chooses the prize, it may not be one that would be of most value to the general membership, on the other, it was felt by some that only if the prize was known and visible, would members participate. The option of equivalent cash value was also discussed.
- The second issue was value. Certainly if the value was high, participation would be greater. Bill mentioned that the person winning the prize would be very

- pleased, but for the others participating, the disappointment would be proportionately greater.
- Deciding the nature of the prize was difficult. Matthew and Bill argued for flexibility. Bill suggested advertising a prize, but offering the winner a choice of either that prize, or the equivalent money dollar value of the prize. Mike was in favor of choice as well; arguing that people's preferences for equipment was a personal matter. Tom argued that his choice of the latest Yaesu UHF VHF radio would be the radio everyone would want.
 - The mechanics or how, was less controversial.
 - There will be a 50/50 drawing at each meeting.
 - Half the money will be given as a cash prize that evening, with the remaining funds kept for the specific purpose of paying for one grand prize that will be given on field day.
 - The tickets from each monthly drawing, along with all those purchased on field day, will be the population from which the winning ticket is drawn. To make this possible, each ticket will have the person's name and or call sign written on the back. If a ticket is drawn on any given evening the cash prize will be awarded, and the winning ticket will be retained with all others for the grand prize drawing. The grand prizewinner will be selected from all the tickets collected starting in January and ending on field day.
 - Should money in excess of the cost of the prize be collected, it will go into the general fund.
 - Initially the time frame discussed was 12 months. Bob Siegel suggested that one-year would be too long a time to keep the club's interest in a prize, and that the time frame should be shortened to six months. Bob also was in favor of a specific piece of equipment. The motion was carried that we will start the raffle in January and end it in July. The vote was five for, and three opposed.
 - The issue of value was then discussed. Mike made the point, that if this was a one-time exercise, value would not be the issue, but if the club planned to continue this in the future, it must be sustainable. That is, the club can not indefinitely offer prizes of greater value than is earned in the 50/50 raffles.
 - Bill made a motion that the dollar amount of the prize be fixed at \$450. The motion had no second. In discussion that followed, Mike argued that he withheld his second vote because he did not feel that the six-month time frame was sustainable. Matthew argued that he agreed with setting an amount, he simply felt the amount was too low.
 - Al moved to raise the amount to \$600. At Tom's request the amount was amended to raise it to \$609. The motion was carried with one vote in opposition. The club will fund a prize valued at \$609 with profits from the 50/50 drawings over a period of the next seven months, with any shortfall made up from the club treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

LARC

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Balance on hand at BBT, per bank statement, on October 31 was \$3,816.86 . Balance the previous month as of 9/30 was \$3,808.36. There were no checks out during October. There was the customary \$4 service charge on October 21. Deposits in October were \$12.50 for dues from KF4IQB.

Income in November was dues (\$25 each) from KM4FOS, N9BFA and KM4BAP. We received \$7 for a nametag from WA4ABN and \$4 for what I have as nametag adjustment. Finally we received \$88 for 50/50 drawing at the November 2 meeting. This totaled \$174.00 deposited on Nov. 7th. Beginning now all member renewals are credited through to the end of 2015.

New member is KM4FOS, John Shufflebarger, 5730 Lake Victoria Dr., Lakeland 33813 through Dec. 2015. Renewals are KM4BAP and N9BFA.

On behalf of LARC I have sent in the application form DR-5 "Application for Consumer's Certificate of Exemption" which pertains to exemption from Florida Sales and Use Tax for a number of different Florida organizations. Under section 212.08 (7) (p) Florida Statutes, 501 (c) (3) organizations are so included. When granted the actual exemption form is called DR-14 and is valid for 5 years. It covers purchases and leases created when carrying out customary non-profit activities. Thanks to K14ZMV for advising of the existence of this form which I sent to Tallahassee on the 13th.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Foxworth, Treasurer

