

Board meeting February 17, 2015

Members Present were:

Officers: Rich Kennedy, Bob Foxworth, Bill Johnson

Board members: Chet Charuth, Stephanie Hildreth, Mike Oliver, Al Sheppard, Matthew Stevens, Jim Stewart, and David Zdanowicz

Members absent Bob Siegel

The meeting began at 6:33 PM.

- ❑ Rich gave an update on John Hamilton, KE4UNO. Bill requested a phone number to publish for those who may want to call John. Rich supplied this, and Bill will both advertise and publish this number.
- ❑ Mike reported that the location has been secured for Field Day. Mike also reported that while we have not demonstrated a viable solution to making an Internet connection needed for a remote presentation, we are working on it.
- ❑ Rich mentioned that Peggy has new software that will do an online certification, allowing us to issue a call sign the same night we test. The system works, only if the candidate brings an FRN number and driver's license. Our website will be updated to reflect the changes.
- ❑ The spring picnic date was changed to March 28, to resolve a conflict with the Zephyrhills Ham Fest. The venue will be Lake Parker.
- ❑ Batteries were discussed. Three of our current batteries need to be replaced. Rich proposed that we rent instead of buy batteries for use on field day. No decision was made. A total of six batteries are needed for field day operations.
- ❑ David described a hundred watt solar cell pack that could be used on field day.
- ❑ Rich has already sent invitations to elected officials for field day.
- ❑ Jim reported that VISTI is doing a personal care drive: comb, toothbrush, soap, etc. They are also looking for volunteers to call shut-ins. Bill suggested that we might have a similar program for some members in our club who are shut-ins.
- ❑ Matthew gave us an update on the 50/50. Bill requested that he keep a running total. He agreed. The question was raised, should we purchase tickets for someone who doesn't plan on being present. No decision was made to rule this out, but there were several concerns raised about this practice.
- ❑ Stephanie is working on a program to assemble care packages for animals owned by VISTI patrons.
- ❑ Al mentioned that Rich will pick up a charitable donation valued at approximately \$6000 later this week, and that we need to get a donation receipt form printed.
- ❑ Bob made the treasurer's report. It was approved as read.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Johnson Secretary

Treasurer's Report

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Balance on hand at BBT, per bank statement, on Jan. 30, 2015 was \$5,208.96 . Balance the previous month was \$4,610.76 . Checks out in January until now were No. 1270 on 1/22 for \$9.80 for stamps, No. 1271 tags plus was voided, no. 1272 to Bill Johnson for two Tags Plus orders totaling \$12.84 and No. 1273 To Westminster Church (see below). Deposits in during January on Jan. 6 for \$474.50 and Jan. 27th for \$137.50 for dues from KF4IQB, KT2T, KI4OFV, KI4ZMV, WA4MMO, KD8WRQ. Dues in Feb. KJ4IAI, KI4ZJW, KK4BMI and Lisa, WD4DGC, and K4BHE. I currently show 55 members, including all family members. The most recent mailbox check was done this morning. As a compsrison on Feb 24, 2014 we had a member count of 52.

We deposited \$74 for 50/50 held at the Feb. 2 meeting. The monthly Service charge in Jan was \$4 charged on Jan 21.

Annual Audit. Originals of each ^{2014 Rev} ~~2012~~ bank statement, transaction receipts (deposits) and copies of treasurers' reports were given to Peggy Lang for audit purposes.

Yaesu Repeater. I sent a copy of the PDF order form for the two requested radio units by postal mail on 6th February to Chris Wilson, modified to show LARC as the payor and KQ4KX in Bartow as the recipient, at the requested delivery address. This includes a copy of the BB&T bank credit card information. I tried calling Chris to confirm his receipt of this but have not been able to reach him.

Westminster Church. I delivered a \$300 check to Melissa at the Church's business office to cover our usage of the meeting room. She said that there should not be a problem in our continued-usage of the room.

I submitted our annual payment for our business license to Florida Department of State, Div. of Corporations for \$61.25 . This is not the same as the Form 990 filing for nonprofit status that we will make to the IRS. I changed the name record for the Vice President to Matthew. The other 3 names are unchanged.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Foxworth, Treasurer

