

WPARC Board Meeting Minutes
June 10 2014

Board Members present: Katy KJ6YCP, Jim W6JMF, Michael K6BUK, Dennis KI6HHA, Bill KJ6YCO, Clay K6AEP, Roger K6OU; Members: Frank KB6KYK, Gary WA6IKE, Jim K6GYM, LC N7VQC.

1. Treasurer's Report – The income to date is \$1964.30. Expenses (checks written) are \$1254.79 (including \$250 deposit to city for HamFest). Bank Balance is \$1887.50
2. Jim W6JMF explained the plan for logging FD contacts to flash drives. There will be a flash drive for each band and the operator of a station may only operate on the band for which they have the appropriate flash drive. All contacts will be saved on the flash drives. The contents of the flash drives will be tabulated after FD.
3. HamCram – Dennis reported 31 people took the HamCram class and 28 passed the Tech exam and one person passed the Tech and General exams. He noted that the 3 people who failed the Tech exam did not study or review any material prior to the class. There were 3 minors in the class, ages 6, 8, and 10. Dennis proposed that we give an inexpensive BaoFeng or similar HT to people under the age of 14 who pass the Tech exam with us and join the club. A brief discussion followed and it was positive for the proposal. Dennis made a motion to give an HT to candidates who meet the criteria noted above. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Dennis will order the HTs from amazon.com.
4. Michael reported that the Lincoln News Messenger published a good article on the Tour de Lincoln that was complimentary of the club. The reporter expressed an interest in writing an article about the club. Michael will try to coordinate this with Field Day 2014.
5. Frank KB6KYK reported that Yaesu donated a number of hats to the club for us to give away at club events, the Hamfest, etc.
6. Drawing – Bill reported that the drawing is on track and budget. A new battery charger will be the feature item for the June drawing.
7. Field Day – Roger distributed a detailed handout for Field Day and led a discussion of the club plans for the event. At the June member meeting the committee chairs will present their progress to date and plans to complete all tasks by FD. We are currently planning on 6 stations so we will be 6 Alpha SV. We discussed logging software, food for Saturday and Sunday, and general provisions such as water and paper goods. We also discussed station positioning and other logistics.
8. L.C. N7VQC presented information on the state of the solar flux and predicted that FD will not be good for DX.
9. There will be a work party at Gary's QTH on Thursday to clear weeds, etc.
10. July 4th Parade – The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a parade on July 4th and have requested communication assistance from the club. Dennis and Michael offered to coordinate. Roger suggested that we will need 9 -12 people to properly support the event. We will need 1

person in the cart with the event director, one in the cart with the parade director, one at the check in stand, and one for net control. The other operators will be at the streets where the parade is forming to report parade group check ins and absences.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Buck
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WPARC Secretary