

WPARC May Board Meeting – May 8, 2012

Members Present: K6AEP, WA6CRB, W6TLJ, KD6RB, K6OU, KJ6AXP, W6JMF, K6BUK, KB6KYK. Excused Absence: KD6LND

KJ6AXP called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the absence of KD6LND.

The first item discussed was the calendar for the next two months. The Tour de Cure successful operation was lauded. The fox hunt was confirmed for May 12th. K6BUK agreed to be the fox. K6OU will be the feature speaker for the May meeting. He will discuss the Tour de Lincoln plans and cover the maps. He and Dan will co-coordinate the TDL and work with K6AEP, KJ6APX, and KF6MD to try to enable APRS for the SAG wagons. He will also give a preliminary introduction to Field Day.

K6OU will also speak at the June meeting, again covering Field Day planning but in greater detail. It was agreed to defer all the Field Day Planning until the June club meeting. K6OU may use the HDTV in the restaurant for part of his planning. In addition, KD6BQH will address the group on the pleasures of being a VEC.

Next up was the Treasurer's Report by W6TLJ. He noted that we are \$87 behind in the budget due to lack of members paying dues. In theory we are running a deficit as we have budgeted for \$1,256 but have only taken in \$1,002. However, we do have cash on hand in the budget. We had a long discussion on purchasing magnetic SAG signs. In general, the cost is prohibitive. However, signs are available from the ARRL that are quite nice and say Radio Communications on them. They are available for \$12.95 each and are 8x18 inches and professional looking. We agreed to investigate other options such as printing signs on heavy paper and taping them to the vehicles.

K6OU discussed food for Field Day. He and the planners from the club he is working with suggest two meals on Saturday – the Club picnic and dinner later for the workers. There would also be breakfast on Sunday either before or after the event ends. It was thought that a donation of \$5 per person would cover the materials.

Repeater – K6AEP has a cable for EchoLink to connect the TM-V7A to the repeater. He may also be able to get IRLP working. The old repeater controller is for sale and we are actively looking for a fair price for it. There are few on the market to compare with. The repeater occasionally has an odd noise that interrupts communications. K6BUK suggested switching power supplies and/or testing on battery power to eliminate one thing at a time. K6BUK will also talk to N6HTV about using a spectrum analyzer to see if the noise is in our system or emanating from another system.

We also discussed the possibility of using a different free frequency in the area. There is a repeater at HP in Roseville that is on the air but not used and the owner is no longer an HP

employee. As such, he does not have direct physical access to the machine as is required for a control operator. KD6RB agreed to write a letter to the NARCC to see what their policy is on abandon frequency pairs. K6BUK agreed to send out the email again in which he noted approximately 15 pairs that look like they could be use by us.

New Business: KD6KYK suggested that we purchase an American flag with pole and base that we could fly at our events. WA6CRB so moved and K6BUK seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that we need to call our monthly give away a drawing, not a raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Buck

Secretary, WPARC