

WPARC March Board Meeting Notes

Members Present: KD6RB, K6AEP, KJ6APX, K6BUK, N6JKH, KB6KYK, K6OU

Members Excused: KD6LND, WA6CRB, W6JMF, W6TLJ

Kent led the meeting. Due to the lack of a quorum an official board meeting was not held, hence informal Meeting Notes instead of Meeting Minutes. We discussed a number of items with no action.

1. Pete reapplied to NARCC for repeater coordination for K6PAC and the application was accepted. However, the NARCC web site still lists us as not coordinated instead of pending. At the Repeater Technical Committee the prior week Roger noted that Jeremy (KJ6CQT) said that if WPARC needed the 147.240 he has applied for and is pending, he would let us have it. The repeater committee thought it would be a good idea to have that frequency as a backup. Following the meeting Roger talked to Jeremy and he said that he had given the frequency pair to someone else. (Whether that is possible or legal is another question.)

2. Club Calendar

Some dates were confirmed for the calendar. The Tour de Cure will be 5/5. A Foxhunt will be 5/12. 5/19 is the Tour de Lincoln. Frank suggested we consider having the club picnic on Field Day at the proposed remote location. It was agreed that we should bring it up to the membership for a vote next week. Field Day is the last day of June and will be at Gary Talent's (W6IKE) QTH.

3. Meeting Presentations: Topics and presenters were planned through July. Al will present Foxhunting in March. Clay and Kent will present APRS in April. May will be a general discussion and planning session for Field Day. If we have time there is a request to explain some ham terms like DX and EME, etc. for new hams. June will be final preparations for Field Day. In July Clay will cover digital modes with an emphasis on EchoLink. This will also cover the physical side of how to connect the equipment, what you need, etc.
4. Treasurer's report – we have 38 members which is below our goal. Members are asked to help recruit new members. We gave Pete \$20 for membership in NARCC. Our liability insurance is due for \$320. We have paid \$82.80 for domain registration for the web site. Clay said to use the \$185 we owe him to put towards the new controller. We also suggested that we ask the people who made contributions for the Lincoln PD radio if we could use their donations for some of the controller cost. (This was moved, seconded, and approved at the March club meeting.) A few other members said that they would be willing to contribute some money towards new equipment. (I have an engraver and plan to engrave WPARC on all of our equipment.)

5. Web Site – Clay reported that the web site is coming along fine. Michael noted that he has loaded a number of photographs in the photo link. Clay suggested that we create an area on the web site where people can put the data for programming different radios so that someone who purchases a new radio can download a good file with local repeater and simplex frequencies. Michael is managing the BBS/Forum page and kicks spammers out almost every day.

6. New Member Packet – Michael suggested that we develop a new member packet for people who join. It could include information about the club, the annual calendar, information regarding our liability insurance coverage, the type of events we participate in during the year, information on how to order a club badge, an ARRL application, and some web links. There is also an Operators Guide for New Amateurs available. This would give new members a feeling that they are walking away from the first meeting with something tangible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Buck (K6BUK)