

WPARC Board Meeting Minutes April 10, 2012

Members Present: Harvey KD6LND, Kent KJ6AXP, Al W6TLJ, Michael K6BUK, Clay K6AEP, Dan WA6CRB, Jim W6JMF, Frank KB6KYK, Bev KA6TCT, Roger K6OU. Excused Absence: Pete KD6RB, Jerry N6JKH.

Kent discussed the club calendar for the rest of the year and is working to schedule presentations for future meetings.

Al presented the Treasurer's Report. We had two new members join at the March meeting so we have 41 members and are close to our goal for the year. We have \$1,473.62 in the checking account. A check for \$20 was issued to Pete for NARCC membership. Clay and Pete were going to make up the difference between the allocated and actual expenses for the repeater controller and accessories. The cost was approximately \$477 which is about \$140 over budget. There was a discussion regarding the out of pocket expenses for Clay and Pete. The board determined that there is enough money in the budget to cover the \$140. Al made the motion that we allocate the funds up to \$500 to pay Pete for the controller (Pete ordered it). Kent seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. Al noted that the signatures on the checking account were not updated to reflect the change in board members. Harvey said he would go to the bank on Wednesday to initiate the process of changing the signatures.

There was a discussion of the March meeting membership vote to move the annual picnic to Field Day. Reasoning was that the picnic was dropped from the schedule due to lack of interest for two years and having it at Field Day might bring more interest. Concern was expressed that if the picnic is at Field Day families would be less inclined to attend. The suggestion was made that some sort of family oriented event be held during the summer whether it be a picnic or a pizza party or something like that. The board decided to investigate the possibility of holding a family oriented event while keeping an eye on the budget.

Michael gave an update on the repeater. The Arcom RC210 repeater controller and the computer with the IRLP board have been recovered. Clay has the IRLP board and is working on its installation and setup. The new CAT-250 controller is being installed along with a dual band Kenwood TM-V7A donated by Jerry. The repeater has been relocated closer to the antenna and the coax has been shortened but still has about 20' to be removed. Michael is using his PG-40S to control battery charging and emergency power switching. Backup battery power is now on line using the battery donated by Pete. The club's PG-40S and RigRunner are still missing along with a 2 meter antenna. Roger reported that he had taken issue with the denial of coordination issued by the NARCC and wrote a letter of concern which he forwarded to Pete. Pete then forwarded the email to NARCC. A discussion of the equipment still at Kim's followed and it was decided that we need to remove all our gear from Kim's. There is also an antenna mast that is stored at Placer Title in downtown Lincoln and it needs to be moved to Frank's. Clay made the motion to sell the Arcom RC210 as it has been replaced by the CAT-250. Al seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Michael agreed to find a fair price and offer it for sale on QRZ with signature tracking on any shipping.

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Clay reported that the web site is complete and operating properly.

Field Day will be held at the QTH of Gary WA6IKE.

Harvey and Dan gave an update on the plans for the Hamfest. Al moved that the event be held at McBean Park again this year. Michael seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The city permit is \$95. Testing will be at Raley's again this year and Dennis KI6HHA will be the VEC. The limited participation of the co-sponsoring clubs for last year's event was discussed. Harvey suggested that instead of splitting the income equally that we offer payment in kind. Further discussion with the other clubs is needed. The use of the PAL food trailer is approved for free and we will staff it. Food handler permits through the city/county need to be investigated. They may be included with the trailer. Deadline for advertising in ham magazines is early July. The event is 9/8/2012.

There was a brief discussion of establishing a relationship with the Lincoln Hills Amateur Radio Group. Doug Thom approached Harvey to see if there is any interest in linking the clubs and possibly the repeaters (LHARG has a 5 watt repeater on 443.225 (+) 167.9.). The board suggested that Harvey continue discussions with Doug.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Buck
WPARC Secretary