

Minutes of BOD Meeting

Officers:

Steve Phillips, NS4P, President
Paul Nienaber, KN4BAR, Vice President
Gary Youngberg, W8SKI, Recording Secretary
Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer

Directors:

Tom Babcock, KN4ONE (Absent)	Tom Shrilla, W8QJF
Peter Boers, KV4LR	Dwight Sullivan, KT4DDS
Patti Phillips, N4IGI	San Yoder, K3SY
Jim Shortill, KJ4NDO (Absent)	John Zenner, N3PQD

Topics:

1. **Budget for TARC by Frank**, W2XYZ as Treasurer. Gave summary of inflows and outflows and mentioned membership renewals occur at calendar (current fiscal) year, which tends to show a negative budget status during that period.

Frank suggests, for the purposes of planning the Club's budget, we begin our fiscal year in October instead of January. This would result a more correct value, since the dues are received before the month of January. Consensus of the BOD agrees that the Club would operate in the calendar year but for budget reports, we will show five quarters instead of four.

2. **FLSPOTA Event on Sunday 4/3** at Oscar Shearer St. Park, Event Followup –By Paul. W4AC Account for the POTA website has been established, 353 QSO's uploaded into POTA account and LogBook of the World. Logging was done by hand and transcribed by Paul.
3. **AREDN** --By Paul. Delay on schedule for tower climbing specialist, due to winds, rescheduled. Programming completed on NANO station radio. Will be trying out 5 GHz for preliminary TX and RX performance.
4. **Jerry Spears Memorial donation**; —By Frank. Discussions included considering a Buddy Hex antenna for Field Day use, coverage 20M thru 6M, 1 KW, estimate \$600 not incl. Tripod. Decision on this item to be tabled until September. Frank suggested an auto antenna tuner rated for 1 KW. Mentioned was an LDG AT-1000 Pro II, est. cost \$539.00. Consensus of the BOD is to recommend its purchase by Frank at the Dayton (now Xenia) Hamvention in May.
5. **Training / Mentoring of New Hams**—Paul. Plan- Peter, KV4LR will email new ham handout to newly licensed hams. POTA is a good event to include new hams as a mentoring experience.
6. **Repeater Maintenance Committee Update** – Steve. Services by Tower climbing specialists postponed due to windy conditions.
7. **Remote Club Station Update** – Tom S. & Frank (Re, allowable access) Mentioned policy of membership and requirement to attend in person at least four Club meetings. Anticipate that use requirements to be placed on the TARC website in the future.
8. **VE Testing** –Steve. Today's testing session had 10 testing candidates, all passed. Consists of 5 techs, 2 tech to general upgrades, 1 general, and 2

extra class. Noted as a good testing session. Room at the W. H. Jervey, Jr. Library is reserved thru March 2023.

9. **Public Information Officer** - by San, K3SY. POTA (Florida State Parks), example used PIO's to submit articles to the media. Paul, KN4BAR was a prior PIO. Suggest that TARC consider seeking a possible PIO from the Membership.
10. **ARRL Foundation Grant project for June 2022** Grant cycle—Paul
Was discussed last meeting, Grants are available for \$1,000.00, excluding emergency communications purposes. Is not a matching grant. During June 2022, ARRL will receive applications for grant. Grant is intended to help promote and expand ham radio in the local community. After significant discussion, it was the consensus of the board that in light of the lack of interest at local schools, there was no obvious non-EMCOMM expense that was we could apply for.
11. **Possible special event (station)** —Paul. Discussion took place, regarding contact with event planner for the Chalk Festival 2023 as to possibility as an event station. Noted the event is heavily attended, mentioned was a possible tent setup. Dwight will make contact with Venice Chamber of Commerce to get a list of events held in and around Venice.
12. **Discuss donation of two Rohn tower segments** (10' length x 11" spacing)
By Gary, W8SKI. Per discussion, Dwight, KT4DDS is interested in possible purchase of said tower segments, with proceeds going as donation to TARC.
13. **FL QSO Party, April 30 thru May 1**—Frank. The event will be 20 hours in length with modes, phone and CW at Al's cottage as QTH. There will be two antennas, 1 for each mode. On HF, 10, 15 and 20 meters will be in use.
14. **Field Day, June 24 thru June 26**—Frank
Event will take place at USCGA. TX power limited to 100w.

The BOD Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Next BOD meeting – Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Youngberg, W8SKI
Recording Secretary