

Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014

CARC 2014 Officers:

President, Kim - KC9PLT

Vice-President, Lew - KC9NKB

Secretary, Joe - KA9OPL

Treasurer, Lois - KA9IOS

Director, Gary - KD9SB

Director, Jim - N9KVX

Minutes: March minutes were sent to the CARC79 list by Joe (KA9OPL) but were a little late, so Kim read them and asked if there were any questions/comments/corrections; there were none.

- Motion(KC9BWO), Second(KC9NKB)

Treasurer's Report: Lois (KA9IOS) presented the report which was approved.

- Motion(KA9OPL), Second(KC9BWO)

Hamfest: Matt(KC9BWO) was commended for a job well done! The hamfest was a success - financially and all of the feedback received was positive. Matt expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support. Jeff(K9JAJ) coordinated kitchen activities. There were several club and family members who assisted. Jim(WV9W) provided major support for VE testing. There were nine applicants; six were successful in upgrading. Matt said that he has some ideas which he would like to implement next year, thereby indicating that he will once again lead the project!

Matt had one remaining door prize -- two tickets to the Dayton Hamvention. Joe(KA9OPL) was the only one present who expressed an interest, so the tickets were given to him. If he is unable to use them, he will make an announcement on the CARC79 mailing list.

Matt(KC9BWO) made a motion to schedule the 32nd CARC Hamfest for Saturday, March 28, 2015.

- Second(KC9NKB); motion carried.

Trustee Reports:

Marion (WD9HTN) and Joe (KA9OPL) both stated that our repeaters are functioning well.

However, Marion reported that Charlie Sears with the Indiana Repeater Council met with him at the hamfest to advise that we need to change the PL tone for the 2-meter repeater. We should begin planning for a transition, to be completed toward the end of this year. We will change to a PL tone of 103.5HZ to comply with the state map. We discussed the possibility of adding a voice announcement to the repeater to alert everyone of the change. We do not currently know how to accomplish this, but we will do further research.

We will also try to find out when the new Repeater Directory is published so we can make sure that the change makes it into the next edition.

As part of the discussion, Kim recommended that a subcommittee be formed to learn how to support the repeaters (technical areas such as the hardware and software).

The committee consists of the following:

Joe(KA9OPL), Marion(WD9HTN), Steve(W9SML), Gary(KD9SB) and Josh(KC9YUA).

Joe(KA9OPL) initiated a discussion on our commitment to handle the mowing at the White River tower site which houses our 440 repeater and antenna. Our agreement specifies that we will mow the grounds twice each year -- once in May and once in September.

It is always difficult to get people and equipment together to do the work. It was noted that there is road work in progress which may affect our access to the site. Marion(WD9HTN) will try to find out what we need to do in order to fulfill our agreement.

Joe(KA9OPL) will contact a mowing service to get quotes on contracting the work out as another option. We will decide on a course of action at the May club meeting.

RACES: Jim(N9KVX) reminded us that there will be a drill on Saturday, April 12, beginning at 8:00 A.M. We will meet at the EOC and it is also available to participate from home. Both RACES and ARES members will participate.

Business meeting adjourned: Motion(KA9OPL), Second(KC9NKB)

Program: Jim(N9KVX) gave an interesting presentation on Echolink.

Submitted by: Joe(KA9OPL), Secretary