

Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2014

CARC 2014 Officers:

President, Kim - KC9PLT

Vice-President, Lew - KC9NKB

Secretary, Joe - KA9OPL

Treasurer, Lois - KA9IOS

Director, Gary - KD9SB

Director, Jim - N9KVX

Minutes: July minutes were sent to the CARC79 list with one correction by Joe (KA9OPL); Kim asked if there were any additional changes; there were none.

- Motion(KA9IOS), Second(KD9SB)

Treasurer's Report: Lois (KA9IOS) presented the report; there has been no activity since the previous meeting. It was approved.

- Motion(KA9OPL), Second(KD9SB)

Trustee Reports:

2-Meter: Marion (WD9HTN) passed out information on the ID-O-Matic IV Kit: a repeater controller with Voice and Morse ID, which we are considering adding to the repeater, as a means of communicating the coming change in the PL tone. Jim (WA9TGO) believes he can assemble the kit. The total cost would be about \$60, which would include the controller kit, a voice recorder board and a USB cable.

See website: <http://www.hamgadgets.com/ID-O-MATIC-IV>

A motion was made by Joe (KA9OPL) -- to have Marion do the research to determine if the described set-up will work in our system and enable us to add a message of our choice. If it will work for us, he is authorized to purchase the items as listed above; second by Jim (WA9TGO), motion carried.

440: Joe (KA9OPL) reported that the repeater is running normally.

440 Site Mowing: Lois stated that Lew (KC9NKB) spoke with her after the July club meeting, and said that he was willing to do the mowing, as long as it could be at a time when he was available. We all expressed our appreciation for the offer, but there was concern since Lew was not present for discussion and the offer had not been made to the entire Board or membership. We also noted that we need a more consistent plan. (we could not assume that Lew would handle the work every spring and fall going forward)

After some discussion, we received an offer from the South Central Indiana Communications Support Group (SCICSG), who volunteered to take over the task of mowing and trimming at the site; each year in May and September, in accordance with our agreement with White River Broadcasting.

Brian (WW9A) represented the group and made the offer. He stated that the organization values the 440 repeater, and are willing to do the work in order to have it remain on the air.

Joe (KA9OPL) made a motion to accept the offer of SCICSG, as outlined above; second by Jim (WA9TGO), motion carried.

Joe (KA9OPL) made another motion, to donate \$100 to SCICSG for use in their repeater fund. They are working to raise enough capital to purchase the Brown County repeaters; second by Gary (KD9SB).

It was noted that the two motions are independent of one another. It is CARC and SCICSG working together for the good of both organizations and of Amateur Radio.

The motion passed.

Ham Gear: Dave (KE9BE) and Susan (KB9BXN) worked with Marion to identify and gather some of Dave's equipment. Marion brought it to the meeting and made it available for purchase, with the proceeds going to CARC.

Meeting adjourned: Motion(KA9IOS), Second(KA9OPL)

Submitted by: Joe(KA9OPL), Secretary