

Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2015

2015 officers are as follows:

President, Lew - KC9NKB
Vice-President, Matt - KC9BWO
Secretary, Jim - WA9TGO
Treasurer, Lois - KA9IOS
Director, Gary - KD9SB
Director, Kim - KC9PLT

Minutes: January minutes were sent to the CARC79 list by Jim (WA9TGO); Lew (KC9NKB) asked if there were any corrections. Dave Faatz's call, KE9BE was corrected. The report was approved as corrected.
Motion(KC9PLT), Second(KF9IH)

Treasurer's Report: Lois (KA9IOS)) presented the report; It was approved.
Motion(Wa9TGO), Second(KC9YUA)

Hamfest: March 28 Matt (KC9BWO) was not at the meeting, but had talked to Lois and others. The hamfest fliers were printed and ready to be mailed. They were late because the new owners were waiting for us to "pay the freight". Marion (WD9HTN) called the people we used to deal with for clarification and a bill, and then they remembered they bill us after the mailing because we get a bulk discount and a not-for-profit discount. Josh (KC9YUA) confirmed the 2015 hamfest brochure is on the web site: www.CARCnet.net

The printer that used to supply the tickets is no longer in business, and the alternative was going to cost quite a bit more; but Matt found some pre-perforated card stock forms we will be able to use. The only problem is there isn't a lot of room for our email addresses.

Dave (KF9IH) volunteered to organize the kitchen and asked for suggestions about what and how much to purchase. Lois and Marion will inventory the surplus they have from last year and see what Matt has also. Lois asked if anyone has a 25 to 30 cup coffee maker because the club's 48 cupper takes a long time to get hot. Matt asked for people to help setup tables Friday afternoon, collect admission, do the talk-in, etc.. He sent along a signup sheet which was passed around.

Field Day: No discussion yet.

Trustee Reports:

2 Meter Repeater: The Voice-O-Matic voice IDer was removed, but the repeater is still indicating low voltage, even though the voltage is correct. Marion (WD9HTN) bought a new (spare) key for the repeater cabinet, but it didn't work, so he requested a blank key and then had a locksmith copy his key.

Gary (KD9SB) checked out the old (back up) Majorie repeater. It didn't work, so it was sent to Chuck Roberts for repairs. Chuck got the call sign CW ID changed and is working on the noise problem in the transmitter. Gary thought it might be coming from the transmitter audio section.

440 Repeater: Joe (KA9OPL) thanked Marion and Lois for updating the report to the IRC for him. The form wasn't very compatible with his screen reader. Then, the IRC asked us to change the 440 repeater PL tone to 103.5 Hz also. Marion said we would do it when the weather is better, "but please don't keep asking us to change it, because it is easier for you to ask us to change it than it is for us to change it." Jim (N9KVX) is working on getting the ECHO LINK program ported into the new LINUX environment, and it is up sporadically.

Gary asked where the MFJ antenna analyzer is located, and Marion replied he has it back.

Old Business: Gary offered again to help people prepare for license upgrade tests.

New Business: Some people reported seeing the Space Shuttle going overhead last Saturday. Kim asked if anyone had anything for the newsletter. Joe put the old CARC meeting minutes on the new web site. Gary asked if we knew how many people access the web site. We don't have any way to tell that.

Meeting adjourned: Motion (KC9PLT), Second (KA9OPL)

Submitted by: Jim (WA9TGO), Secretary