

Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
March 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: February minutes were sent to the CARC79 list by Jim (WA9TGO). Lew (KC9NKB) asked if there were any corrections: Gary (KD9SB) thought the interference in the old (back up) Majorie repeater was in the transmitter audio section, not the squelch circuit. Also, Gary asked if we knew how many people access the web site, not the meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.
Motion(KC9PLT), Second(WD9HTN)

Treasurer's Report: Lois (KA9IOS)) presented the report; It was approved.
Motion(N9KVX, Second(KF9IH)

Trustee Reports:

440 Repeater: Joe (KA9OPL) reported it was working ok. Next month we will talk about getting out there to change the PL tone to 103.5 (per IRC's request), after the weather improves. The ECHO LINK is still down because Jim's (N9KVX) LINUX computer has problems. First the com port wouldn't work, and now the computer won't boot up.

2 Meter Repeater: Marion (WD9HTN) reported it was working ok, except we still have the emergency power beep. Marion will check it out with Baltus, primarily because they have big 4wheel drives to get through the mud and the ruts. We think we may have inadvertently changed something when we downloaded the old program, changed the PL tone, and uploaded the revised program. If we put the original program back in, it might cure the problem. Then we could change the PL tone again.

Hamfest: Matt (KC9BWO) has reservations for 56 tables and 26 vendors. About 20 tables are left. He asked again for help with setup, cleanup, collecting admissions, and talk-in. Gary (KD9SB) tentatively offered to do talk-in as long as he was up to it. Marion asked for someone to man the 2 tables with Dave Faatz's (KE9BE) stuff. Matt thought VE testing was still on, but he hadn't heard from Ken lately. The VE testing will be from 9 to 11AM. It will be free, but please make a reservation so we know how many to expect. Marion will get the key to get in. Friday setup was discussed.

WHUM is going to give us a free radio spot advertisement. Dave (KF9IH) is running the kitchen. What to purchase and how much was discussed. Jeff Jones (K9JAJ) kept good notes from last year. He also suggested 3

crook pots, coffee pots, utensils, rags, etc.. Kim (KC9PLK) will make or purchase the sausage gravy for the biscuits and gravy. Kim suggested we advance Dave a check for \$150 for food supplies, so no one has to fund it out of pocket. Noel (N9CJT) seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business: None, except hamfest preparations.

New Business: Josh (KC9YUA) took Gary (KD9SB) over to the First Robotics group at the old Reeves factory. There were lots of young people there working on robots for a robotics competition. Gary was impressed to see so many teenagers building things from plans and schematics. He hoped to get them interested in amateur radio and radio controls, but Josh explained they have to use commercial Wi-Fi modules. Perhaps this summer.

Jim (WA9TGO) announced the Terre Haute hamfest will be in Brazil, IN, Saturday March 14, at the Clay County Fairgrounds on State Road 59, halfway between 40 and I70. He will take CARC hamfest fliers to hand out.

Meeting adjourned: Motion (KC9PLT), Second (N9CJT)

Submitted by: Jim (WA9TGO), Secretary

Use Minicom to use the menus to setup com ports and learn the commands (set TTY1, 2, ..., baud rates, stop bits, etc.), but they go away when you close Minicom. Then put those commands in STTY (set TTY).