

Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 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

We had a guest at the meeting: Bill (K9BOR)

Minutes: Joe (KA9OPL) has put the 2015 minutes up on the club website, CARCnet.net, along with the 2014 minutes. Kim (KC9PLT) gave Jim (WA9TGO) the Secretary's book of old meeting minutes. It doesn't have the minutes from when she was president (in 2013?), but she has them on a thumb drive and will supply them. It also doesn't have a copy of the new Constitution and Bylaws either. We have the copy marked Proposed that we voted on in December 2012, but it is unsigned. Does anyone have a signed, approved copy? Cheryl (KC9UFL) was probably Secretary then. The July minutes were accepted.
Motion Marion (WD9HTN), Second Kim (KC9PLT)

Treasurer's Report: Lois (KA9IOS) presented the Treasurer's report. It was approved.
Motion David (KF9IH), Second Noel (N9CJT)

Trustee Reports:

2 Meter Repeater: Marion (WD9HTN) reported the Repeater Council List still shows the old PL tones for both repeaters. He wrote them about it, and they replied "they will get to it when they get time", and they found out that the late Charlie Seers did a lot of work behind the scene. We are still getting the emergency power beep. Joe asked if power might be hooked up to the secondary (battery) input instead of the main DC power input. Joe tried monitoring the 440 repeater battery input instead of the primary input, and it seems to have cured the beep. [Upon reflection, I think Joe is correct, we probably are wired to the battery input (screw) terminals. WA9TGO]

Gary (KD9SB) reported we have the Majorie repeater back. Marion has it. Chuck Roberts programmed it to ID W9ALQ properly. The noise problem discussed back in February is coming from the receiver audio for awhile when it is first turned on because the squelch circuit doesn't work properly until it has been on for awhile. There may be some bad (old, leaky) capacitors somewhere in the timing circuits. After it runs awhile and is used a couple times, it seems to be ok – especially if there is battery backup power applied. Gary recommended Marion turn it on for an hour every 6 months to keep reforming the capacitors.

440 Repeater: Joe (KA9OPL) improved the PL tone control timing, but there is one more delay setting he needs to adjust (next trip).

Old Business: Nothing.

New Business: Having a permanent PO Box address for the club was discussed, instead of using separate addresses for officers and trustees which change periodically. It would good to have one common, permanent

address for the club, but the problem with having a PO Box, is someone needs to check it often. It would probably cost about \$56 a year. Motion to table discussion till next time passed. Motion: Noel (N9CJT), Second Kim (KC9PLT).

Don (WD9SMC) has a box of old CARC information he is going to turn over to the Secretary for archival purposes.

Kim (KC9PLT) asked if the Red Cross asked for any amateur radio communication support because of the recent storms. Apparently not. Some people were displaced by the storms and said they would come to a shelter. So, one was opened, but no one showed up.

We still need some other volunteers to help do the Tuesday night net. Contact Joe (KA9OPL) if you can assist.

Meeting adjourned: Motion Kim (KC9PLT), Second Bill (KD9DLR)

Submitted by: Jim (WA9TGO), Secretary