

Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022

Officers present: Eric, W3EAB, President; Jeff, KC3OQP, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Rick, AB3XJ, Treasurer; Will, KA3UQQ, Director; Bill, N3RY, Director

The meeting began at 7:06 pm.

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published after a motion by Eric and seconded by Bill.

Reports

Vice President: Jeff noted that the only upcoming event was the 10 mile race.

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: Eric noted that Rick was the interim treasurer. There was \$5,000 in outstanding bills to be paid. Some of the outstanding payments were consignment sales. There is about \$34,000 in the bank and after review of the planned expenses and outstanding bills we have approximately \$3,000 in operating funds by the end of the year.

Committee Reports

MDC QSO Party: Eric noted that Keith, AE3D, has done a lot of the planning and distributing information. He noted that people had agreed to be control operators for the day, including Bill (opening) and Keith (closing). Keith and Huey, AB3GS, will be handling the scoring.

AARC Picnic: September 17 to be preceded by a sale of equipment as well as after the picnic.

AARC Holiday Party: Pending availability of Wysteria Brewing. We have issues with using Ford Hall and the Scouting building is too small. Bottled beverages will be available at Wisteria.

VE Testing: Bill noted that he had appointed a Deputy, Charles Dunning, N3YVY, as requested by the Laurel VEC. There is a testing session on September 10.

Old Business

Antenna Plan: Eric noted that the plan was still continuing with wire antennas on the new tower. Phil suggested that a complete antenna plan be developed for the club.

Security System: The shack was reviewed by Will. The security committee has been working on networking issues to see that everything is stable. Portions of the security system were tested. There are a limited number of cards, but once the new system is in place a token for the door readers can be added to Android phones for those members who are authorized access. Access can be controlled on the tokens. The cameras will cover the entirety of the clubhouse interior. The workshops have also been inspected to assure they are safe.

Phil again noted that the Rules Committee had recommended that all members have access to the clubhouse. Due to the fact that some equipment cannot be secured the Board is against the idea and it needs to be communicated to the Committee.

A/V Plan: Rick Ghu, K3IOI, was recently in the clubhouse to look over the potential needs for the plan.

Parking Lot: All approvals have been received. Work will be scheduled in conjunction with the new tower. This includes concrete work for the tower and improving surfaces around the buildings.

Safety: The safety officer has reviewed our needs. Some items for the first aid kits have been ordered. The fire extinguishers are currently good. There probably needs to be battery emergency power. There was a question as to testing for the fire extinguishers.

New Business

Sale of Surplus Equipment: This includes old shelters, delta loop antennas, etc. for the picnic.

Assistant Treasurer Positions: Eric noted that David Skolnick, KO4MI, had expressed interest in being Treasurer in 2023 and will be assistant treasurer in the interim. He will be working with Rick. Rick has given him access to the QuickBooks reports. There could be another assistant treasurer.

Proposal to Repair Link between Repeaters: John Williams, K8JW, had presented a proposal to Eric to purchase an 4-element 2-meter beam antenna and cable to fix the link between the .105 and .075 repeaters. The proposal was through DX Engineering and for \$195.99 for the antenna and \$113.99 for 75 feet of coax with N connectors. There was a discussion regarding the type of cable recommended. Motion made and seconded and approved unanimously. Phil asked if the club's tax exempt status could be used to abate the state tax that DX Engineering would normally charge.

Miscellaneous: There was a discussion initiated by Bill regarding what the club should do in the event of a member resigning membership in the club rather than becoming an inactive member as a result of not paying dues. This was in response to Jim Wallace sending an email terminating his membership and leaving all his volunteer activities. Bill felt that there should either be a 2-year period of time before any such person could reapply for membership. The discussion also addressed whether the club should welcome the person back at all. It was noted that under the bylaws any person could reapply at a later date. The issue of a permanent or limited suspension in the case of a member leaving in a spat versus a lapse in dues should be referred to the Rules Committee and may require changes to the bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Portions of the minutes were normalized to the agenda.