

The Board Meeting of the Radio Society of Tucson was called to order by the President Holman on April 9, 2013 at 1712.

The president made a motion to reimburse Bob Frett, \$39.92 for the coffee maker that was damage beyond repair at the last hamfest. Vice President Zimmerman raised a point of order about funding in the budget for this expense. A discussion proceeded and it was determined that there was enough profit from the hamfest proceeds to make this reimbursement. The motion was seconded and passed and the treasurer was ordered to fund the reimbursement.

Vice President Zimmerman stated that there has been no change in the status of the inventory as of this date.

President Holman stated that he is concerned that the copies of the bylaw and constitution are not ready to be voted on at a General Membership meeting. Vice President Zimmerman indicated that there are actually two versions of the bylaws and Constitution that are on the table. There is the original version that has never been acted upon, and the rewrite, short version. Vice President Zimmerman made a motion to vote down the original draft so we can proceed with the current draft. The motion was seconded and passed.

President Holman pointed out that the proposed draft to the constitution and bylaws, both separate documents, is hard to distinguish where one ends and the other begins. Both have exactly the same headings and discuss various items, but conflict in wording.

Secretary Steinkamp suggested the draft of the constitution and bylaws be sent out to the board members once again for their comments with a suspense date. He also stated that he would send the board a copy of the recently bylaws that were written for Ten-Ten International as a guideline to use.

Vice President Zimmerman brought up the question of proxy and electronic votes for member who are unable to attend a meeting. A length discussion proceeded over the requirements for proxy and absentee votes. Secretary Steinkamp recommended that the bylaws include the option of an electronic meeting to cover the situation were a proxy or email vote is required.

Secretary Steinkamp will collect the current pending constitution and bylaws, re-write them to remove ambiguity between the two and present it back to the board via email for comment before the next board meeting.

President Holman started a discussion about meeting presentations and said that we have just about all month covered for a presentation. There is now a question about the May meeting as Pink Foster was suppose to make a presentation on the National Traffic system, but she will be unable to present that due to another long term commitment.

President Holman stated that we now have a schedule for the Ham Radio Class that will start on April 21 and instructional material must be produced. It was decided that we would purchase the instructional material with funds from the budget, then resell those material back to the students in order to obtain the materials in a timely manner.

President Holman stated a discussion about Poly-Phasors. He stated that Mr Henry Zapata can get these items, used, for about half the list price. There is a test that can determine if these items are good or bad. For the quantity of these items we require, the cost is estimated to be about \$300 - \$400. It was also suggested that we get an estimate from Western Communications for the Alpha Delta units and compare the price.

With the money saved from purchasing the used Poly-Phasors, originally budgeted for \$1000, we can purchase a proper set of duplexers from Western Communications for \$400 to place on the 146.800 machine. Secretary Steinkamp made a motion to purchase the duplexer from Western Communication so they can be placed on the 146.800 repeater. The motion was seconded and passed to authorize an expenditure of \$400 for this purchase.

The second D-Star stack will tentatively be placed on a tower at the contest site until a permanent location can be found. A permanent location must provide line of site communications that will cover the Northwest are of the city and county as anything in the city and south will be shadowed by the Catalina Mountains. Secretary Steinkamp has suggested we work with the Oro Valley Club for a location for the D-Star Stack.

President Holman stated a discussion about ARCA. Secretary Steinkamp stated that he search the paper files that he received when he took the position of Secretary and the only ARCA application he found was for the VHF frequencies that are current assigned to the VHF D-STARS 146.100/145.100. He recommended that we interface with our ARCA representative, Gary Keck, to request copies of all ARCA application and approvals for RST.

President Holman stated that the Web site need attention. It appears that the admin's for the site are very busy and one of them now lives outside the area. Secretary Steinkamp has offered to provide additional administrator for the web site if someone would send him the login credentials. President Holman will contact Owen Watson to provide the Secretary with the proper credentials.

Treasurer Ernle stated that he is working with the management of the Golden Corral to use the parking lot for a mini hamfest in May or June. The cost will be minimal and there have been a number of requests for a hamfest in May or June. Mr Ernle will update the club on this if permission is obtained.

With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1820 Horus.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff K. Steinkamp
Secretary, Radio Society of Tucson.

The General Membership Meeting of the Radio Society of Tucson was called to order by the President at 1910 hours on April 9, 2013.

The evening presentation was by Greg Peters on the State of Emergency Communications in Arizona.

The President reconvened the meeting after the presentation.

Hamfest: President Holman requested that the Treasurer, Mr. Ernle report on the hamfest. Mr Ernle stated that we had a total of 92 parking space in the lot and 82 of those were sold. Profit from the hamfest was \$962.

Board Member Reports:

Secretary: Mr Steinkamp reported that the minutes for the previous meeting were email to the general membership as a whole and the recommended corrections have been made. A copy of those minutes have been set to the web administrators for inclusion on the web site.

Treasurer: Mr. Ernle reported that we have 96 paid members with approximately \$5000 in the bank.

New Members. As this item was missed at the last meeting, Mr. Steinkamp presented the new members.

Vice President: Ms. Zimmerman reported that there has been no changes or additions to the inventory over the past month.

Special Interest Group Reports:

Contest Group: No report:

Repeater Group: In the absence of the Charmian, The president reported that the 448.325 machine is up and running at full speed. The 146.800 machine will be on the air very soon. A new duplexer has been purchased and will be installed as soon as time permits. The Mt. Lemon D-Star Stack is fully functional and the backup battery has been installed to prevent further computer lockups in the event of a power failure.

VE: Ms Zimmerman reported the last VE Session had 10 applicants with 8 either earning a new ticket or upgradings.

Days in the Park: The next event will be this coming Saturday starting at noon in conjunction with the picnic.

ARCA: No Report: Mr Keck stated that he has received a request from the club to research all applications to ARCA from RST and provide copies back to the club when found.

RACES: Mr Cummings reported that meetings are now every other week. RACES is no longer funded by FEMA. Next training session will be April 20, 2013 and an email will be sent out. RACES now falls under the Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

Training Classes: Classes will begin on April 21, 2013.

Field Day: Mr Holman stated that he will work with Mr Watson to design a Survey Monkey to send out to the membership on their thoughts on where to have field day.

New Business:

Mr Holman stated that there has been a request to hold an antenna building clinic. Mr Kent has volunteered to head this project up. (Open).

With no other business before the club, the raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff K. Steinkamp
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