

The Board Meeting of the Radio Society of Tucson was called to order by Vice President Zimmerman on May 14, 2013 at 1713.

Vice President Zimmerman stood in for the President Holman as he was unable to attend until later.

Vice President Zimmerman provide an update on the equipment status and inventory.

An agenda item for controller software for the repeater was tabled as it was irrelevant to the discussion for this board meeting. The repeater manage has not made a request for software at this time.

Polyphasors are still required but waiting on price quotes from source providers. This item will be deferred until President Holman arrives.

Memorandum of Understanding for the 146.800 repeater. The secretary will draw this up once all the information about the repeater and it location and the actual agreement terms have been worked out. This item is deferred to Mr. Chris Buchanan, the repeater manager.

Mr Ernle told the board that a tower climber has been secured to install the 440 machine antenna and replace all the coax at the Corona de Tucson site for a 2 year membership in the club.

The second D-Stat stack has been moved to President Holman house for further testing and alignment.

Scott, KG7ADX has offered a location to install the second D-Star stack at a location at the Sahuarita high school. This has been deferred to President Holman for further action.

At 1740, President Holman arrived and took over the meeting.

Discussion continued on the location of the D-Star stack.

Discussion of the club banner continued from last meeting. At the present time we do not have money allocated for banners. A discussion ensued about the possibility of diverting some funds from the repeater maintenance budget to purchase banners. It was decided to table that discussion until we have a better ides of the cost for the repeater items that will be needed to get the D-Star stack back on the air and the 146.800 on the air and functional. The banners will be a budget item for 2014.

President Holman said that we need to obtain diplexers for the D-Star machine, We have a set of VHF diplexers, but will require a UHF set. A set will also be required for 1.2GHz, but two antennas setup for diversity operation could suffice. Mr Montijo, stated the he might have access to some UHF cans and will report back at next months meeting.

President Holman reported the 146.800 repeater is up and running, but we need to get the antenna higher. We need to get a Memorandum of Understand completed. Secretary Steinkamp will coordinate with Mr. Buchanan to secure that.

President Holman reported that he contacted ARCA concerning the coordination of RST repeaters and they are unable to find any coordination paperwork for any of the clubs repeaters. Secretary Steinkamp reported that the only coordination he has in the files is for the VHF D-Star frequency.

Discussion continued from last meeting concerning the bylaws. Secretary Steinkamp provided a modified draft of the bylaw for review by the board. The board reviewed the changes to the bylaws and updated the articles as required. Secretary Steinkamp will forward the edited document to President Holman for legal review.

With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1808.

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 May 14, 2013.

The evening presentation was on the National Traffic System by Pink Foster, K7ILA.

The President reconvened the meeting after the presentation.

Board Member Reports.

Secretary: Mr Steinkamp stated that a copy of the minutes for the April meeting had been distributed via the list serve and will post those to the web site as soon as he obtains the login credentials.

Treasurers Report: Mr Ernle stated we currently have \$4019.64 in the bank, \$549.00 in PayPal and \$300.00 in cash. He also stated that the the Meeting Room at the Golden Corral will not be available for the June meeting due to a company employee meeting. The June meeting will be held at the new Columbus Library across the parking lot.

Vice President: Ms Zimmerman stated that she is receiving photos of equipment and tagging those to the equipment inventory. She is in the process of adding the remainder of the D-Star equipment to the inventory.

Contest Sig Report: The contest chairman was unavailable to provide a report.

Repeater Sig: The repeater chairman, Mr Buchanan, N7JND, reported the 146.800 is on the air but there is some noise in the system that he will try to locate at a later date. It is full quiting at 22nd and Harrison. The 6 can duplexer has greatly improved the operation of the system. The antenna is low at 25 feet from the ground and will eventually be moved to a higher location. Echo link is a future addition to the system. There was no report on the UHF machine as Mr Jarvis is out of town until next month. Mt. Lemon D-Star is on the air and operational, but there is an intermittent packet loss which is being looked at. The second D-Start stack is in the process of being reconstructed and looking at the possibility of installing this stack on top of the Sahuarita Hight School. Testing has showed that coverage, especially to the northwest is excellent. More to follow. The 1.2GHz machine is down until we can secure feedline for the site.

VE Testing: Monday night session had 7 applicants earn or upgrade, 2 new technicians.

Days in the Park: Mr Kent reported on the operation last weekend as a successful event. There will be no event in June due to Field Day. There will not be events in July or August due to the extreme heat. Events will start again in September in conjunction with the ham picnic.

ARCA: Williams hamfest is 2nd weekend in July. Nothing to report from ARCA meetings.

AERS/RACES: County will use RACES as the emergency communication arm. There is a plan to integrate ARES, but that is still in the works. Government bureaucracy at it's best.

AMSAT; No report

OLD Business:

The technician class is starting to wind down with 7 prospective new technician licensees.

Result of the Field Day Survey were quite interesting. The consensus was to join with CRC and operate from the mountain. Mr Keck is the Field Day Charmian for CRC. A discussion ensued concerning a plan B in the event the Forest Service closes the mountain. Mr Steinkamp will interface with the city of Tucson to look at the availability of one of the city parks.

The antenna building workshop has been tabled until later this fall when the weather is cooler.

Mr Steinkamp introduced the new members that were missed from the last meeting along with those from this meeting. The following new members were voted in: John Stone KF7UBI - Bill Hickey AB7AA - Matthew Chambers NX7AZ - David Meyer KG7BFN - Douglas Todd KE7GYQ.

The raffle drawing was held.

With no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2045.

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