

RST Board Meeting 8-12-2014

Called to order at 1711 hours. Present: Dave, Diane, Don, Karla, Dick, Matt, Glenn

According to Ron Cade, RST will continue to be a special service club.

Lawyers still have our constitution and bylaws and are still working on them.

The last bill for power on the Mt. Lemmon repeater was \$156. A meter will be put up soon which will give a clear picture of how much of the bill RST will owe each month.

The VHF repeater in Sahuarita is on the air. There is a small amount of packet loss.

The D-Star net on Saturday was very active.

We need a duplexer. Don will pick on up.

Don wants to start a 10 meter SIG to raise money for towers/repeaters around the valley. It was moved, seconded and approved by the board so he can get started. Dave wants to be included in the meetings.

Don also wants to start a donations SIG to pick up donations of ham radio equipment for RST. He had a donation today from Channel 4 of a 6 meter repeaters. Moved, seconded and approved by board. Equipment donated will be cleaned up, sold at ham fest with proceeds going to RST budget. Any unsold items will be donated to Goodwill.

Ron, trustee of K7RST, wants a log kept of when the call sign is used.

Matt said that volunteers are needed for the BSA Jamboree on the Air camporee on October 18 at the Double V Scout Ranch located at Kinney and Ajo. About 200 scouts will be in attendance. Volunteers would set up stations to get scouts on the air. Will announce in general meeting.

Don - N7JND is linking 146.8 to Jack's house, which may stimulate people to use the repeater.

Adjourned at 1752 hours

Respectfully submitted by Karla Crockett, KE7OYO, RST secretary

RST General Meeting 8-12-2014 Called to order at 1900 hours

Steve, KY7K, presented Summits on the Air (SOTA), which had its beginning in the UK. Very interesting presentation.

Introduced new licensees and upgrades.

OVARC's new D-Star is on the air. Tower at Oracle & Magee. RST's Sahuarita VHF is on the air.

Secretary - minutes are posted on the website under "INFO"

Treasurer - We have a total of 127 members and a total of \$5090 in the coffers.

Contest SIG - Owen - fall contesting should be up and running. Calendar is on the website.

Repeaters are not being used. Need members to increase usage.

D-Star, Mt. Lemmon, Sahuarita repeaters are working.

Radio Direction Finding has everything it needs to be up and running. Matt says JOTA will be October 18. Is also kicking off Days in the Park on the 19th.

Field Day report by Mike - Between RST and CRC we had 4296 points.

Gary - ARCA was displeased that we had a hamfest the same day as theirs. RST hamfest will be on March 28th at the Golden Corral parking lot. PCOEM held elections at Williams fest, getting rid of one layer of bureaucracy.

Larry - General class has three weeks left. 7 of the 14 students took the test Monday, 6 passed, 3 with 100%. It was agreed that Larry must be a very good teacher!

Need volunteers for El Tour de Tucson in November. Foot race in Vail the week before. There will be operator training before El Tour because there was a good deal of loss of communication with net control during last year's race. Hope to incorporate D-Star option for El Tour.

VE testing - 21 applicants took the test. We had 8 new technicians, 7 upgraded to General and 7 to Extra.

Gary presented a certificate to Matt.

Held raffle and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Karla Crockett, KE7OYO, RST Secretary