

## **Fountain Valley Amateur Communications Team (F.A.C.T)**

10200 Slater Ave. Fountain Valley, California 92708

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

April 2009 Board Meeting

March 17, 2009

The Fountain Valley RACES Board was called to order by CRO Glen Langer at 1905 hrs. at the Fountain Valley Police Department, 10200 Slater Ave, Fountain Valley, Ca. 92708

#### **Board Members Present:**

Glen Langer, W6GTL, Chief Radio Officer  
Jerry Fullerton, KD6JBL, Asst. Radio Officer  
Dave Schneider, KC6PIR, Secretary  
Russ Gowin, N6QZV, Treasurer  
Frank Jalosky, K6FBJ, Board Member

#### **Visitors:**

Janice Jalosky, K6JLJ  
Dick Bruno, N6ISY

**Minutes and Correspondence:** The minutes from the March 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors (Feb 17, 2009) were presented. Moved, seconded, carried to approve the minutes (Russ/Jerry/unanimous). No correspondence at this time.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report was presented; a balance of \$299.22 was shown as of February 17, 2009. Moved, seconded, carried to approve the Treasurer's Report (Jerry/.../unanimous).

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Trailer:** Russ reported that the big trailer had a full main tank, and an empty spare. The little trailer had unbalanced during use by the IT staff (FVPD), and been sent to the City Yard for checkout. Russ contacted the City Yard while it was there, and got a report that the solar panels were charging the batteries. Russ is to look into a retractable tongue wheel to ease handling of the little trailer in its rebalanced configuration.

The big trailer mast changeover will use either a 20 ft or 40 ft pushup. The goal is to have it done in time for Summerfest. Dick will schedule a work party March 28 to swap out the old mast. Glen has a friend who can fabricate a new bracket, once the dimensions are determined.

**Repeater:** the main unit is down (operationally and physically) and will go to Bob for servicing. The spare unit is active but not accepting codes. For the 440 MHz repeater, Dick reports that Bob has a frequency pair to suggest when requesting permanent status from the coordinating body.

**Equipment:** Frank reports the earphone plugs are in work. Dick has the coax for the 6M antenna; a work party to run the coax from the roof to the radio room will be scheduled. The 440 repeater jumpers have not been ordered pending a measurement of the actual length needed.

**Training:** Jerry will schedule a Ready Bag session for July.

**Activities:**

- EFM will be March 26 as previously announced.
- CPR training will be April 4
- Easter Egg Hunt, April 11, but still waiting word from Christy about call-up.
- Summerfest is getting approval from Council tonight. Our involvement includes specifying the garbage arrangements, getting signs for the handicapped and preferred parking, and providing parking assistance, especially Saturday and Sunday; Glen has requested cadets to support us with parking assistance. We will also be involved in the Car Show.
- Field Day – the ICS outline has been published. The question was raised about potty rental, but it may be possible to get a key for the nearby restroom.
- OC Fair – our dates will be July 16 and July 30.
- City/County drill will be in October, and the scenario will be based on civil unrest.

**Public Relations:** Alicia and Glen are working on a public relations package, and Chelsea is assisting with camera work. For Summerfest, the trailer will serve as a booth as well as an operational position. At the OC Fair, we would like to use our own “code certificates” for visitors that try the practice keys.

**Old Business:**

- The Red Cross is still having the May Day disaster response display on May 2.
- The Orange County Marathon is May 3; it will have no central ham net; some of the cities involved may have their own activation. Fountain Valley is not directly involved, but Santa Ana may wish for some mutual aid assistance at the RACES level.
- The Holiday Party will be Dec 7 at Mimi’s Café on Brookhurst. The reservation is for 7 pm in the Garden Room.

**New Business:**

- CERT: Glen reports that the city has no plan for doing a CERT program at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 1945 Hrs.

Dave Schneider, KC6PIR, Secretary.