

Fountain Valley Amateur Communications Team (F.A.C.T)
10200 Slater Ave. Fountain Valley, California 92708

Board of Directors Meeting

May 2009 Board Meeting

April 21, 2009

The Fountain Valley Races Board was called to order by CRO Glen Langer at 1906 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

Visitors:

Dick Bruno, N6ISY
Garry Jones, N6NQN

Minutes and Correspondence: The minutes from the April 2008 Meeting of the Board of Directors (Mar 17 2008) 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. Balance not changed. First e-statement received. 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. Spare needs to be full by June 11 for Summerfest. The small trailer has a full tank. A tongue wheel for the small trailer is to be completed by Summerfest. Glen noted that the new mast is on the big trailer. Dick will track down a cleaning chemical that may help with the big trailer's appearance; a work party will be scheduled to address this.

Repeater: Dick reports that the 2M repeater is currently the Master II; the other unit is still at NHRC. When that unit comes back, the Master II will go to Bob, N06B, for solder cleanup as it is exhibiting symptoms of solder whiskers. Glen notes that we are still looking for an antenna and duplexers for a city yard installation. For the 440 repeater, there is no update on coordination; the new antenna is giving good coverage in our area.

Equipment: Glen reports that Frank will be removing OEM connectors from the 6M radio and making sure all radios have Anderson power connectors.

Training Committee: Jerry is developing the July meeting on the Go Kit theme.

PR/Membership Committee: The PR project is ongoing; no details ready yet, and it looks like most production will occur in August. Jerry will check the FCC database for local new hams to recruit.

Activities: Glen discussed the lessons learned from the Easter Egg Hunt and Dick discussed the lost child support. For Summerfest, lost kids will be a big part of our job. Future activities were discussed:

Special Election – Glen is still looking for a non-BOD body lead the early coverage of communications with County for ballot box collection.

Summerfest – handicap and preferred parking were discussed, but actual traffic control will be mainly by Police Cadets. RACES members are to park on Brookhust, in part to keep others from parking there. We will have a special event station which will double as the Lost & Found. Tests of FRS radios will be done to see if they can supplement our coverage when a non-Ham is at a key station. For the Car Show, Pete is to send a map, and we will be using the service road to get the cars to the display field. We will also be supporting Mark throughout the event. The next committee meeting is May 5.

Field Day -- the operation planning worksheet draft is complete.

Orange County Fair -- We are scheduled for July 16 and July 30. We need to have wider signups for booth staffing. Russ reminded us to use the FVRACES version of the Morse Code Certificate when we are running the booth.

Old Business:

Forms Book – Glen will supervise setting this up.

May Day – members are encouraged to car pool to this after our meeting.

Christmas Party – reservation complete at Mimi's Café which is newly remodeled.

New Business:

Kurt Ulrich – Dick discussed Kurt's status after his accident; banged up, broken and battered, and will be out for at least a couple months, but doing well despite this. The members will be asked to contribute to a gift certificate for books, to be collected at the May meeting.

Re-organization – Discussion of having our group report to Sgt Shepard had already begun before Kurt’s accident. Sgt Shepard is in charge of the EOC for FVPD.

Meeting Adjourned at 2002 Hrs.

Dave Schneider, KC6PIR, Secretary.

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