

Minutes of the February 3, 2015 ICARC Meeting

Call to Order:

The "Board" meeting started at about 7:00 PM. Folks used this time to order food, eat, converse and discuss many general items of interest to the club at large.

Craig (KB3LBU), the President, called the general meeting to order at 7:32 pm. He asked for the Secretary's Report.

Secretary's Report:

Larry (N3LT) brought up the January, 2015 minutes. As part of the discussion he suggested that folks look at the paper minutes and study them. He also suggested changes in the club web page to reflect changes in officers, board members, and to add the Webmaster's name below the Repeater Trustee's. It was also suggested that the minutes be published on the web page at least a week before the meeting so that folks would have time to review them prior to the meeting. Dave S. (KA3KFA) made a motion to accept the suggested changes and Doug (K3LAB) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Also Dave (KA3KFA) made a motion to accept the minutes as published and Terry (KB3JOD) seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

The president then asked for a financial report from the Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report:

Terry (KB3JOD), the Treasurer, made a detailed presentation of the financial situation, which may be obtained directly from him. Also, there were several more donations to the repeater fund. Terry indicated in response to Doug's (K3LAB) question that the target amount is about \$700.00 for the repeater fund. Only one person has not paid for their high visibility vest. The total cost for the vests is \$277.20

After the financial report was discussed a motion to accept was made by Larry (N3LT) and seconded by Fred (KM3M). The report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Repeater Update: None

Monday Night Net Update: Dave S. (K3KFA)

Dave said the net was held and that there are between 25 and 35 on the roster. He also pointed out that there will be a full fledged Spring weather exercise on March 25 (Wed.) 2015 and hopes that we can have a significant presence. He suggested that Terry (KB3JOD) and he could be at the meeting and other persons participate by radio. Terry indicated that in the past two years the EOC of Indiana county has not participated but will this year.

Monday Night NBEMS Practice Update:

Terry (KB3JOD) said that activity on NBEMS is low right now but he would continue to try it after each Monday night net if folks will let him know. He will be listening about 8:20 pm after each net as long as folks are interested.

Old Business:

Craig (KB3LBU) indicated that Al Fister had contacted him with specific needs for their November 11, 2015 Veterans Day parade in Indiana, PA. They will need 1 person at 8th street with the ROTC, 1 person at the courthouse, 1 person with the band, and 2-3 people as rovers. After some discussion initiated by Dave S. (KA3KFA) as to whether we will be able to use the 91/31 repeater with hand-held radios it was decided that we need to test both the repeater and simplex possibilities. The idea of setting up a more local temporary/cross-band repeater was also mentioned. After the discussion Alton (N3PHL) made a motion that the club agree to supply the communications for the Veterans Day parade and

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it was seconded by Larry (N3LT). The motion was carried unanimously. Craig indicated that he would get in touch with Al Fister and let him know what the club decided. He also suggested that we set up base control at the courthouse and use the club banner and put out some brochures as advertisement at the event.

Alton (N3PHL) also revisited the issue of solar power for the repeater shack because of his contact with a person who uses it to pump water with a half hp ac motor through an inverter. The set up uses a 4 x 6 sq ft solar panel. There is some down time in the winter but our application will use the solar as a battery charger, reducing the down time. We will also need a controller. Alton thinks that it may be a more viable possibility than he initially thought. He will get more information.

New Business:

Larry brought up the idea of having two standing committees:

Activities and Education and put the question as to whether or not we should set these up in order to distribute some of the work around the club membership. Craig indicated that he would support having these committees. So think about this so we can discuss it more later.

Craig also asked the question: What do we want to do as activities this year? He mentioned several items: MS walk, Fieldday, airport awareness...etc...

Terry asked the question: Would anybody like to participate in a CPR class? The immediate response to this was very positive. It would probably have to be done as a separate meeting because it would be an all day affair. Denny (KC3DTB) indicated that he had been an instructor in the past. A show of hands showed that about nine people are interested in this. We have to get more information on how to go about doing this.

Bill McMillen brought up the idea of doing a fox-hunt as a fun activity and introduced Dave Overdorff.

Fred (KM3M) made a motion to plan for activities in approximately six months segments. Between now and June: Fieldday. MS walk, Fieldday, Airport awareness day, possible fox hunt or scouts activity. Then between July and December: Friends of parks, Veterans Day parade, PA QSO party or Jamboree on the air and possible class.

Seconded by Doug (K3LAB). The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

After some additional discussion Denny asked about an official letterhead for the letter he was writing. It turns out that the icon for the club that we had been using was created by Terry. After some discussion it was decided that Denny should go ahead and use the same icon as a letterhead.

There were some general discussion about the Drake transceiver that has never been used which was donated to the club many years ago. The general discussion was that it should be sold after Elmer goes through it to be sure that it works. Larry made a motion to sell the Drake transceiver and the motion was seconded by Fred M. This motion was voted upon and carried unanimously. A second motion was made by Fred M. and seconded by Terry that the club should pay Elmer to go through the radio and buy the necessary parts to get it operational. The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

Terry brought up the issue of additional fundraisers and point out that we have agreed to have at least four of them per year. Two cash cows and two dinner kits. The last one we had was the Christmas dinner (cash cow) and the next one should be a dinner kit in March. Terry indicated that he will get in touch with Karl (N3PIE) to get things going. He pointed out that at the next meeting we should get an order together. Craig stressed that the dinner kits must

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be picked up by the individual at Hoss' at the designated time.

Terry conducted the 50/50 drawing with \$22.00 collected. Doug won the drawing and donated his share back to the club.

We all went around the room and introduced ourselves to Mr. Dave Overdorff, KC3DTH.

Someone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

Craig (KB3LBU) adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm, February 3, 2015

Respectfully submitted
Secretary
Larry (N3LT)

Attendance:

Members:

KB3LBU (Craig Bigler)
KC3DTB(Denny Preisser)
K3PJ (Phil Kopczyk)
KB3JOD (Terry Carnahan)
KA3KFA (Dave Steiner)
AA3IO (Ken Snyder)
N3ULC (Roger Bartlebaugh)
N3PHL (Alton Strong)
N3QM (Bill McMillen)
K3LAB (Doug Fitzsimmons)
KM3M (Fred Maize)
Jodi Bartlebaugh

Guests:

KC3DTH (David Overdorff)