

Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2014

CARC 2014 Officers:

President, Kim - KC9PLT

Vice-President, Lew - KC9NKB

Secretary, Joe - KA9OPL

Treasurer, Lois - KA9IOS

Director, Gary - KD9SB

Director, Jim - N9KVX

Minutes: April minutes were sent to the CARC79 list by Joe (KA9OPL); Kim asked if there were any questions/comments/corrections; there were none.

- Motion(KX9U), Second(WD9HTN)

Treasurer's Report: Lois (KA9IOS) presented the report which was approved.

- Motion(KA9OPL), Second(KX9U)

Upgrade Classes: Kim brought up the idea of trying to tie an upgrade class in with Field Day since the club is not planning a specific activity for that weekend. Although it is an interesting concept, we decided that time was too short to accomplish it and some of us are planning our own Field Day activities as well.

Trustee Reports:

Marion (WD9HTN) reported that the new ARRL Repeater Directory went to print in April, so we have time before next year's printing. Marion has contact information and will let them know when we change our PL tone to 103.5 later this year.

Joe (KA9OPL) said the 440 repeater is stable.

Repeater Subcommittee: Joe(KA9OPL) reported that he has put together a zip file for the technical team so that they can begin learning how to program the repeaters. The package includes the repeater software, manuals and configuration files. A link to the information has been sent to Steve(W9SML) and Josh(KC9YUA).

440 Site Mowing: Joe(KA9OPL) stated that B&E Mowing quoted that they could bush hog the site for \$100 each time, (\$200 total to do it once in May and once in September).

Since attendance was low at the meeting, we elected to pursue this approach on a trial basis and officially vote on it in June. We have \$300 in the budget for each repeater anyway. Joe(KA9OPL) will coordinate the arrangements.

New Business: Mary-Ellen is retiring from her position in the local Red Cross at the end of June. Kim has spoken with Jan and Amanda, who indicated that nothing will change regarding the arrangements in place between the Red Cross and the Columbus Amateur Radio Club.

Dayton: Joe(KA9OPL) will not be going to Hamvention, so he offered his two free tickets to anyone interested in them. Kim will use them.

Business meeting adjourned: Motion(WD9HTN), Second(KX9U)

Program: Gary(KD9SB) gave an informative presentation on repeater technology and protocol.

Submitted by: Joe(KA9OPL), Secretary