

Columbus Amateur Radio Club  
Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2015

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The club website is: CARCnet.net

Matt (KC9BWO) chaired the meeting in Lew's absence. Jim (WA9TGO) summarized the minutes from the last meeting. It was previously assumed the repeater low power beep might be because it was powered through the secondary input instead of the primary power input. That was incorrect. It is powered through the primary input. Except for that, the minutes were accepted as read. Kim (KC9PLT) moved to accept, Bill (KD9DLR) seconded.

Lois (KA9OIS) gave the Treasurers report. Matt (KC9BWO) moved to accept, Dave (KF9IH) seconded.

#### Trustee Reports:

2 Meter Repeater: Marion (WD9HTN) and Baltus installed a new power supply at the repeater. The voltage **was** low, causing the low voltage beep we have been hearing. The new power supply has a trickle charger output to the battery to maintain charge. The output voltage is set to 13.93 volts. Marion got the Agrelo DFjr doppler RF direction finder out of storage from Brian Zust (AB9RB) and downloaded a manual for it. Gary (KD9SB) suggested we test it and use it occasionally to keep it operational in case we need it.

440 Repeater: Joe (KA9OPL) and Russ (KA9MZV) checked out the repeater last weekend, and Joe added the over the air DTMF access to turn the PL tone on/off and make it ID. The remaining problem is Echolink repeating and retransmitting the control codes, which we don't want for security reasons. So we need to have Echolink ignore unknown node numbers, or Joe needs a way to disable Echolink when he needs to use the control codes.

Hamfest Report: Matt (KC9BWO) reported vendors aren't really wanting to give us any really good deals on a major prize this year. The best candidate so far is the Yeasu 7900 dual band mobile from R&L for about \$309. Some other offers were better deals, but they were in the \$400 to \$500 range. Some other possibilities were also discussed.

New Business: Joe (KA9OPL) thanked SCICSG for completing the fall mowing. He also suggested we donate \$100 to their equipment fund in appreciation. They help other clubs fund and set up repeaters in the area which could benefit us all. The motion was accepted and approved.

The issue of a club permanent post office box was discussed again. Because of the low volume of mail we receive and the need for someone to check it frequently, it was decided not to pursue it. However, the officers' contact information and the club website will now be listed in these meeting minutes.

Meeting adjourned:

Submitted by: Jim (WA9TGO), Secretary