

Minutes, HDARC Board of Directors Meeting, March 16, 2011

This meeting was held at the home of Fred Lete KC5IPK, member of the Board of Directors, at 6:00 PM. Board members, Club officers, and other members were present. They were: Board chairman Bill Firth KE5TOB, Board members Fred Lete, Marie Swigert KE5JIV and Marty Soffran NM5MS, Club president Larry Elkin NY5L, vice president Jerry Aceto KI6LIE, and treasurer Bob Nieri N5UKA. Also present were Club members Adrian Miura W5ASM, Terry Zipes W4RCN, and Kathey Meland WB6JAN.

This meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Chairman Bill Firth. He announced that the Club will be forming a new By Law Committee that will consist of the Board of Directors, the vice president, treasurer and secretary, one new Club member and one long-time member. They will be charged with revision of the By Laws in the following areas, subject to a vote of the general membership: Officer succession, change of day for Club meetings, meetings to be held during the summer months, election of all four officers at the same time, including officers on the Board of Directors, and revision of dues amounts.

Bill asked for a budget review to determine if increased dues are necessary to keep the Club functioning as it has. Discussion followed. It was determined that a bare bones budget would be approximately \$975.00. The current annual budget presented by Bob is \$1435.20.

Adrian proposed that we reduce the budget by cutting unnecessary expenditures and raise the annual dues to \$25.00 per member with the family dues remaining at \$5.00. Jerry stated he had studied other clubs in the area and found that many charge \$20.00 - \$25.00 per year, and that Upper Rio FM Society charges \$30.00. These clubs also allow a 60-day grace period. Fundraising by means of raffles, advertisements on the Newsletter and other means were also discussed. The Club remote station, currently in the planning stage, might be funded in this way.

It is necessary to replace Board member Ray Crepeau K1HG because he and Daisy KT4KW are moving out of state. Bill proposed that the Board's three nominees be presented to the membership at the meeting scheduled for March 19th. They are: Pat Nekoranec KE5MJK, Dave Johnson N0LVA, and Adrian Miura W5ASM.

Bill requested members' input on the following subjects with much discussion following: ARRL Field Day, a possible train ride from Santa Fe to Lamy with members' radio equipment, formation of a Balloon Fiesta committee in April with a meeting deadline in June, remote star gazing and operation with the Astronomy Club, a November stuffed toy drive to benefit the APD station's toy collection, and the annual holiday party.

Bill brought up the topic of handicapped ham training, but that was tabled for further information. He requested that the Board of Directors start keeping records of their meetings in a book or other archive that could be consulted in the future or reviewed at year's end.

Larry stated that the Club's current bank has been very hard to deal with in respect to the Club's recent changes. It was proposed by Marty that the Club change banks. That was seconded by Larry. Marie proposed that the officers shop different banks and credit unions, and report their findings in two weeks. That was seconded by Bob Nieri.

There was discussion on the frequency of Board meetings. Marie proposed that the Board schedule quarter annual meetings with more as needed. Bill proposed that the Board meet in one month to consider how all the above issues have been met.

Jerry stated that his repeater and Fred's repeater are now affiliated Club repeaters and they are IRLP ready.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by Chairman Bill Firth, with Larry motioning and Bob seconding.

Respectfully,

Kathey Meland WB6JAN
Interim secretary