

ASCRA Board of Directors Meeting -- November 15, 2014

*Community of Christ – The Auditorium – North Conference Room
Independence, Missouri*

MINUTES – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Conference Bridge: Ray Knapp, Chuck Brady, Aaron Beebe, Mike Thayer, Ernie Miles (guest)

On Site: Chuck Palmer, Ed Briley, Jim Craft, Doug Shaw, Robin Cross, Larry Ragan

Meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM by Robin Cross.

Ed Briley gave an opening invocation

Minutes & Reports

Election Committee Report was presented, new were members recognized.

Minutes of 2013 Board meeting were accepted as published and distributed.

Secretary's Report – Jim Craft

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Palmer

Jim Craft proposes \$150 increase to In Service budget, discussion held, motion carries.

Jim notes that corporate registration fee was only \$10.

Executive Director's Report presented by Doug Shaw

Mike Thayer commented that he considered study guides for Spec classes as a donation, no remuneration required from club funds.

President's Report

Robin Cross – spoke to station upgrades, establishing relationships with leading quorums, and reestablishing local units.

Election of Officers (2014-2015)

Robin Cross – nominated by Doug and Larry for president, sole nominee, elected by acclamation

Jim Craft – nominated by Doug and Ed for secretary, sole nominee, elected by acclamation

Chuck Palmer – nominated by Doug and Ed for treasurer, sole nominee, elected by acclamation

Appointment of Executive Director (2014-2015) – Doug Shaw, by Robin, sustained by Board

Executive Director Appointment (if needed):

Newsletter editor – Terry Redding

Database manager - pending

Awards manager - pending

Station trustee – Doug Shaw

Webmaster – Ernie Miles

Mike raises question of need for training coordinator for classes. Doug asks Mike if he would like to take over training for club. Discussion held, Executive Director will investigate further.

New Business

Action Items and Expenditures Request (Ex. Dir.)

Jim commented on the Echolink, thanked Mike for efforts to build the Echolink node.

Further discussion held on testing equipment, station upgrades.

Mike commented on using old 2 meter radios as door prizes.

Jim commented on the equipment available for two HF stations at SHQ.

Mike and Jim commented on remote base capabilities.

Mike and Jim commented on using modern PC hardware as policy.

Mike commented on using SvxLink as Echolink control, recommends using Wine under Linux to run the Windows application.

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Repeater controller upgrade/replacement – problems resolved, continued investigation into future upgrades to repeater hardware and location

Budget for 2014-2015 (Treasurer) – Chuck Palmer

Report/motion(s) from Executive Council - none

Website Status Update (web team appointed in 2012)

Privacy/Data Use Policy – discussion held, Jim is chair of ad-hoc committee for policy, report due back by 2015 board meeting or ASAP in In Service.

Security Policy – ad-hoc with privacy/data use

Transition Policy – Doug is chair of ad-hoc committee for transition of website and backup, will have authority as Executive Director to initiate upgrades and changes to website.

Social Networking Report – Jim Craft – 18 new likes for Facebook page.

Remote base authorization/project update – demonstration and possible subscription option, Executive Director to investigate subscription interest.

Bylaws Update (Secretary) - withdrawn

Suspended Central Stakes Chapter Status Update – local group to continue to reorganize and submit new charter if desired.

Rocky Mountain USA Mission Center Chapter Status Update – no update received.

Miscellaneous later items for discussion submitted by attending Board members.

Mike makes motion:

1. Any funds generated from the sale of equipment will be deposited in WACS fund per bylaws.

Discussion held, motion carries as approved

Recognitions

Terry Redding – for years of service to the Board and organization as newsletter editor.

Discussion of Echolink nets – Mike, MO-VOIP bridge, Mike is ad-hoc chairman for policy committee on Echolink net organization.

Motion to Adjourn following a Closing Prayer – Robin Cross gives closing prayer

Ed Briley and Chuck Palmer move to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 PM.

Demonstration of remote base client software was held for board members.

Board members toured W0SHQ and were presented with recent upgrades to equipment.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Craft, AD0AC

ASCRA Secretary