

Minutes for UCARS April 17th, 2014 Meeting (**Preliminary**)

Bill, KB4NET, Opened the regular meeting at 7:05 PM with 21 members and guests.

Members attending:

Charles Comerford KK4HOK	Stefanie Comerford KK4LZR	Craig Sharp KN6OJY
Ray Rising, K4LWJ	Norm Beasley KO4CB	David Keever K8IP (Treasure)
Bill Foust KB4NET (President)	Ron Lawrence W4RON	Chris Whitaker AE4WS
Christopher Whitaker II KK4WJL	Chris Whitaker AE4WS	Bill Austin KK4ZAC

REPORTS and Old-New Business

David, K8IP, gave the treasurer's report with a current bank balance (March 2014) of \$2,330.31; \$75 deposit for ham fest table reimbursement, Proceeds from Drawing and Membership Dues; Less coax purchase of \$340.00; Total

OLD Business, David, K8IP

- 1) VE Kit coming from WCARS
- 2) Discussed MARS VE Testing session situation and how that might impact UCARS VE Testing schedule; See if we can get a club member to coordinate with other Clubs to determine what UCARS Testing schedule could be, and see if we can get that organized. Shoot for giving tests 4 times/year.
- 3) Tower at the Red Cross location. Some of the sections are in need of cleanup; New discussion with ARC Building owner and he states his preference for tower location is in front of building due to proximity with lot boundary line. David noted that city of Monroe has stated that regulations don't apply. Will still need a wall bracket. (There is still discussion with landlord on location.)
- 4) State reg states that amateurs can put up towers to 90'. We would like to have "someone's" blessings so we can move on this.

New Business

- 1) Club Meeting
 - a. May – Field Day – (.ppt on Field day from I'net) & Contesting
 - b. June – (Before Field Day) FD Logging; N3FJP s/ware;
- 2) Tower at ARC
- 3) Dave, Bill and Paul ran coax cable at County Courthouse, working with Ralph Bartlett. Progress is happening.
- 4) Field Day – Equipment listing distributed; review, add your name beside items you can bring; Send feedback and additions to Norm at: p29nb@yahoo.com (Norm)
- 5) Project Life Saver – device and system to track down elderly, alzheimer's patients, etc. Participants would need a receiver capable of 215MHz; Is UCARS interested in providing support for this kind of project? (David)
- 6) Software Defined Radio – could be used to receive the Life Saver Project's 215MHz frequency. Cost for the 'dongle' is about USD\$8.00. David gave a very good presentation with "show & tell" bits and pieces of SDR related equipment. We then fired up SDR Sharp#. (David)
- 7) 50/50 drawing was not held and \$4 were held until a drawing at the next (May) meeting drawing.

Bill, KB4NET adjourned at 8:06 PM. (Next meeting: May 15th, 2014)

Respectfully Submitted,
Norm, KO4CB