

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 13, 2021

Opened: 7:30pm

Roll Call:

- Eric B. KC3GDV, Rick S. AB3XJ, Michael H. KC8GIJ, Keith M. AE3D, David K3HRT, Bill NX2II, Phil NO3N, Ted R. KC3LMV, Jim N3ADF, Bernie NK3PS, Tim N. KB3YQK

Acceptance of Last Meeting Minutes:

- Last month board minutes unanimously accepted Michael H KC8GIJ motion, Bill 2nded it.

Old Business:

Eric: Goals:

- Weekly Emails on Tuesday going out
- Internet has been installed
- Michael Hunt took up the webmaster position and interviewed Keith Miller to work on the webmaster team.
- Remote access to the ham shack is still under way.
- Remote access to repeaters in the works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Networking Report (Ted):**
 - **Ted:** Proposal for Networking
 - We did get the licenses so roughly \$200 already spent and has been submitted by Ted for reimbursement.
 - There are some larger costs that the membership has to vote on. These are estimated costs.
 - Hard drives for media server \$600
 - RAID controller batteries \$50
 - 8 PORT Kvm \$20 (reduced from \$100 to \$20)
 - 12 UPS batteries \$450 (probably will get a discounted price, not sure how much until we purchase)
 - In total \$1200
 - **Eric:** Ham PI presentation went really well
 - **Burnie:** Antennas
 - Request for reimbursement for the sum of \$281.28 for building the J-Poles and Burnie will email the proposal to the board after the meeting.
 - **Keith:** The coax needs to be subtracted because we have coax the club is supplying and now this bill is reduced to about \$180 for both antennas.
 - Burnie to submit a new proposal with adjusted price.
 - Feed lines proposal will be coming to the board as well. Keith reports the amount of feed line was submitted and we need to determine if the club is

- supplying the feed line or are we purchasing it, so for now this proposal will be delayed until more information is gathered.
 - Burnie states that he would like to contract and a contractor came out this morning to asset the site. This is for the tower we are putting up.
 - J-Poles: Jimp ut in for reimbursements as well as reported by **Rick**: These items will be in the budget report.
 - **Keith**: The locations where the guy lines come down from the repeater tower were treated for growth.
 - **Jim**: The Milford program is going very well and we are getting very positive feedback on that.
 - **Eric**: A proposal came in for \$150 for ID card supplies.
 - **Eric**: Also wants to include a label maker for coax
 - **Eric**: Workshop:
 - Outside wall needs to be redone
 - Heat pump
 - All of this will be in a new proposal.
 - Got Ike and his area set up in one corner
 - Current configuration does not give us enough room in Shed 1 for what we want to do. We decided to move all of the tools and things into shed 2 instead to resolve this issue.
 - The tools would all go into Shed 2 as well to make it more manageable in Shed 1. Heating and AC would be in Shed 1 not Shed 2.
 - **David**: EchoLink is well on track and working well so far.

New Business

- We have a new deputy VE team leader and we thank you for your service and we will be working with us to move us forward into the electronic realm and will help us reduce the number of people required for testing sessions.
- We have a proposal to go through to see if we wanted to fund all of the above mentioned items. The amounts are screen shared and can be sent upon request. Ted confirms this is the correct proposal upto \$1400 to cover the cost of all of the IT equipment to get everything up to speed. Including the Workshop and Antennas (The two J-Poles) and label maker \$4100 total for all of those projects and we will be requesting this from the membership to get this out of the treasury. Eric motions, Burnie 2nds it. Rick does not like this being put altogether and abstains from the vote. The motion passes. Burnie, Michael, Eric, Bill (4 Yeas, 2 not here, and 1 abstains).

The floor is open for comments

- **Tim**: Regarding the workshop area and Ikes workshop area as well. Office depot or staples in Bowie is shutting down, Saturday is the last day to get anything. They have peg boards and the kind that is used for retail. This is heavy duty, the panels are about 5ft square, not sure of the cost, but Tim and look into this tomorrow if there is interest.

(general discussion)

- **Eric:** It may be another \$3,000 - \$4,000 to get the tower up as an initial estimate, we are still waiting on the contractor to give us feedback. The contractor has a machining shop (metal) and has an excellent track record.
- **Eric:** We did get a new member, a young lady at the age of 90 passed her exam.

Holly Net Discussion:

- **Bill:** New tech checked in to the Holly net this morning, we are using the new cards and a card was sent out.
- **Eric:** For new ARRL members we bring in we get money for the referral more for new members than renewing members so we should look into doing this with our own membership as a one-stop-shop and a source of revenue.
- **Bill:** Taking care of the postage for the cards we are sending and Jim is helping out by printing out the cards and as far as filling out the form for the ARRL for the first contact is not a big deal.
- **Keith:** To get in touch with Jim and maybe they could work on e-certificates like a PDF certificate.
- **Eric:** Follow up with Chuck to get that into the procedures manual.

Adjournment Eric: 8:41pm, motioned by Bernie, Rick 2nds