

**CARS BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

Members Present: Jack KZ6ZZ, Tim, WD8PMD, Mark, N8CDK, Steve, KD8HIW, Denny, KC8IJZ, Dick, KA8VLN, Rosemary, KI4VO.

President Jack, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

OLD BUSINESS

Club Mobile Radio Replacement Microphones: Denny reported that he checked at the Fort Wayne Hamfest and found none, but talked to Dentronics and they sell them for \$65 each. Since the radios are 4-5 years old, we will be on the watch for used microphones.

Prep Tool: The club has purchased the coaxial kit in January.

Club owned UHF/VHF Radio: It was decided that it should be installed at the State Police Post at Lansing Ave. and Cooper Ave. in Jackson.

HF Station: Tim will ensure to follow through.

911 on Club Repeater: No one was certain if it still worked, and it still needs to be tested, so Dick will do that.

NEW BUSINESS

By-Laws: Jack mentioned some areas in the By-Laws that need to be updated. After some discussion, the Item II a, and item IV b, will leave Trustees as is. Item IV a, "Youth Director," is in place to have that seat in place even if no one is in that position.

Item IV b, doesn't state how long term is, so it was decided that members can do two years in office. For 2011 only one will be elected since we already have three Trustees.

Section XIII c, shall be updated to say, "The election shall be by a show of hands." "If more than one person is running for the same position, shall be by written ballot." Jack and Rosemary will redo the By-Laws.

Budget: Denny reported that the club expenses are even with the dues that the members pay and he said that we are solvent for three years. Jack asked do we have a fundraiser, Hamfest, or do we have fun? At previous general meetings, we have discussed different fundraisers, but none that would be worth the trouble.

Therefore, for now, we will not have any fundraisers.

Steve asked about having the budget available for everyone to see, such as on an Excel spreadsheet? Denny replied that the budget is available to any member that would like to see it, but that it won't be distributed.

Bank Signature Cards: Jack asked when this could be corrected? There was no decision on time or date of when this was going to change, since the three people that are able to sign on the card now can continue doing so.

Repeater Control: Jack asked if we have any repeater control operators, members that monitor the repeater enough to take control to turn it off? He offered to be a control operator and possibly Larry, N8BNE. Dick gave Jack the codes necessary to turn the tones off. We still need available control operators.

New Membership: Jack talked with ARRL for obtaining names of ham radio operators in this area. The ARRL only has lists of Hams which are new or have upgraded and that can be done by zip code. ARRL will also provide mailing labels once a year. Once the Club officer information is updated, we will have access to that ARRL website page.

Club Brochure: Mark reminded us about Fred doing the Club Brochure. It will be brought up at the next general meeting.

Boy Scout Merit Badge: Tim reported from Dave Goldfarb, a contact for the Boy Scouts, that the merit badge for radios isn't really popular since it isn't a badge needed for a Scout's path to Eagle rank. It will be discussed at the next general meeting if someone wants to take an interest in this.

John L. Hart: Steve received an email from this man who is interested in having a volunteer help him obtain his Technician license since Mr. Hart can't read well. Denny said we should find out where Mr. Hart lives first to determine someone that lives close to him to volunteer, and he suggested to Steve to invite Mr. Hart to our next general meeting.

Amateur Radio Classes: Dick has taught them in the past, and is very busy now, but if there is an interest, will begin them again next fall.

QRP Meeting: Denny reported that some Southern Michigan hams met for the recent meeting and that it was enjoyable.

Any other business? Jack asked the membership and there were none. Steve moved the meeting to be adjourned and Denny seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.