

RST Board Meeting March 10, 2015

Present: Diane Zimmerman, Matt Kent, Karla Crockett, Dick Jones, Bob Frett, Larry McCartin, Owen Watson, Mike Boger and Don Ernle.

Called to order at 1707 hours

Discussed replacing two repeaters with state of the art equipment @ \$500 each, plus \$100 each for IRLP add-on. Moved and seconded, passed unanimously.

Matt discussed the Arizona Book Festival this weekend at UA. The UA club will be there and have two stations covered. Days in the Park will be functioning.

Don stated that the by-laws need to be updated. Owen said we don't need a lawyer to do this. The need to be submitted to the State Corporation Commission with the signature of the president and secretary. Diane will print out a copy with signature lines, she and Karla will sign it and Don will notarize it. We will send it by registered mail to the Corporation Commission.

Dick discussed the need to expand the list server availability to SIG leaders upon request.

The Ham Fest next month is organized and we need to sell spaces.

We don't want to distance ourselves from ARCA

Adjourned at 1735 hours

Respectfully submitted by Karla Crockett, RST Secretary, KE7OYO

RST General Meeting March 10, 2015

Called to order at 1900 hours

Great presentation by Jeff Steinkamp on using the JT65 and JT9 modes.

Diane announced RST Ham Fest on March 28 from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Golden Corral parking lot. There will be VE testing at the same time next door. Also announced that our reserved space for this meeting had been given to another party for this evening, but we were assured that it will not happen again.

Dick announced that we have \$3087.91 in our PayPal account and \$2314.57 in our bank account. 70% of our members' dues are paid up. It's easiest to renew online. We had 153 members paid up for 2014, 100 paid up currently for 2015.

Secretary reported that the minutes are posted on the RST website.

Contest SIG - The ARRL DX contest was successful and we scored 1.3 m points, which was the top score in the state. The next contest is in two weeks.

Repeaters Sig - 146.800 was repaired by David and is back on the air. It had worked great right up until the start of the Climb A Mountain Cancer Walk. There was a power outage at the Racquetball Club which put it out of commission. Pushed reset button and it was functioning again. It needs a new UPS. The Vail repeater is fully functional and the D-Star is working well. We need a certified climber to repair the Corona de Tucson repeater.

10 Meter SIG - no progress in getting a repeater. May have a lead on one.

VE Testing - had two sessions. Joe worked with the Boy Scouts and 4H. Tested 13, 10 passed and six have been on the air. Kids get on the air better if they have parental support. Diane reported 14 applicants, six from Larry's class, four upgrading to General

Days in the Park is on 2/21. Will be setting up Mesh network each time.

Good information from ARCA on what they do: Host frequency coordinating committee, support convention in Williams, maintain list of all ham fests, provide scholarships to licensed ham operators, sponsor Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year, provide classes at the AZ Science Center.

Angie - Public Service. Climb A Mountain was last weekend, Walk for Babies is 4/27

RST/CRC Field Day - Seeking special use permit from Forest Service. Need to get on it immediately if we want to participate with CRC.

UA Club - Festival of Books Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5:30 pm. At 4/7 meeting will have a speaker on Near Space Exploration.

Held raffle and adjourned at 2045 hours

Respectfully submitted by Karla Crockett, RST Secretary, KE7OYO