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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, June 16, 2011, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

TAARS Meeting May 19, 2011

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by President Dave AJ4NV. The minutes of the previous meeting, as posted on the TAARS website, were approved. The Treasurer's report was read.

OLD Business

KG4SPH Cynthia reported no discrepancies concerning the audit she conducted of the TAARS bank account. Cynthia also submitted a written report of the audit as of 4/30/2011. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote to accept the report. The written report is filed along with important club documents kept by the club secretary. Herman NO4Y called for receipts from those who supported the River City bicycle event. Please submit to NO4Y by copy, or email.

Problems with the 440 machine were discussed. It was concluded that the intermittent nature of the problem along with the age of the machine makes repair impractical. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote authorizing the treasurer to resolve the problem by acquiring an appropriate replacement machine.

New Business

Chirleen Evans KK4BUN was accepted as a new TAARS member, entitling her to a first year free membership. Chirleen has been active in SKYWARN activities and is the Perquimans County Coordinator for the NWS CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, & Snow network. A warm returning welcome was given to Zeb K4ZVM. Tom WB1CZX spoke on the Eastern Branch Hurricane Exercise, Perquimans County participation. Web EOC, the web enabled incident management system, was tested at this exercise. Tom noted a recommended backup for this system resulting from the Perquimans County testing experience.

Field Day

Zeb K4ZVM noted that the high school location has been secured for the event, and asked for volunteer help. Chirleen KK4BUN volunteered to help with the PR related matters.

Discussions took place concerning the Field Day T shirts. Black with white lettering was selected. T shirts and golf shirts will be offered. Further information and request for size and choice will be sent by email.

George KE4NBR and Greg N4QLD will be in charge of food. The main meal will be grilled chicken, all other food will be by chief's choice, and volunteer contributions. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote to allow the Field Day chefs and club Treasurer to order and spend a reasonable amount on the Field Day food. Support will be needed on Friday evening for antenna assembly and other installation support. In addition, support will be needed on Sunday afternoon for cleanup and take down. Additional discussions will take place at the June 16th meeting.

Officer Elections

Discussions took place concerning TAARS officer nominations. Jim KJ4FIN and Herman NO4Y volunteered to serve another term as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. There being no further volunteers or nominations, a motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote for the Secretary to cast and record a vote electing the current slate of officers for another term. The vote was recorded and the slate of officers for the next year remain as: President – Dave AJ4NV, Vice President – Ron N4WYR, Treasurer – Herman NO4Y, and Secretary – Jim KJ4FIN

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the formal portion of the meeting at 8:40 pm. Ronnie KD4VRI presented a movie of the June 22, 1996 Field Day. There were comments of how far we have come, and how little everyone has aged.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, N4QLD Greg, K4VHV Al, NO4Y Herman, KG4SPH Cynthia, K2IUN Champ, WB1CZX Tom, KD4CEB Kerry, K4YF Edgar, AJ4NV Dave, N4WYR Ron, KD4VRI Ronnie, KD4CAX Bill, KI4BGI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, K4MUZ Ed, K4ZVM Zeb, KK4BUN Chirleen, KI4EIX John

Field Day Planner

Field Day 2011 will be here before you know it. As usual the event will be held at Northeastern High School Athletic Complex. FD weekend is the 25th and 26th of June this year. We'll be operating using the club call K4WO. The NWS has been contacted and have assured us that temps in the low to mid 80's, minimal humidity, and almost no chance of showers are on order

for the entire Field Day period. Should you have any special weather request please contact our Skywarn area coordinator, Jim KJ4FIN.

This is a 24 hour operating event. We will be operating the entire 24 hour period.

Here is the tentative schedule for the weekend:

Friday night 6 PM, assembly and hanging some of the antennas

Saturday morning 8:30 AM, breakfast at Golden Corral

After breakfast head out to the site and begin tent and equipment setup

12:30 PM Lunch, provided by TAARS followed by FD meeting

2 PM begin operation.

6 PM dinner at the site TAARS provided. The dinner menu includes BBQ Chicken. Greg, N4QLD and George, KE4NBR will be the cooks in charge so you know it will be good eating. Members, including families are not only welcomed but encouraged to attend

7:30 PM resume operation. Snacks and leftovers throughout the night,

7:30 AM Breakfast TAARS provided

2 PM operation completed and tear down begins.

We need lots of help for antenna raising on Friday night, Tent and equipment Setup on Saturday morning, overnight operators, and teardown on Sunday.

If you are new, to the hobby Field Day is one event you won't want to miss. It's a crash course in eating, equipment setup, eating, antenna installation, eating, operating, and of course eating.

Your attendance is what makes it the event we look forward to each year.

**73 Herman/NO4Y
Field Day Chairman**

SKYWARN News

Requests for special field Day weather conditions will be accepted until 0900, 6/15/2100.

Please check the following links for SKYWARN training scheduled in other nearby areas.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/spotterinfo/skywarn.htm>

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/mhx/>

Upcoming Events

Field Day June 25 -26, 2011