

Rolla Regional Amateur Radio Society
Annual Board Meeting Report and Status Updates

April 15, 2012

2012 Annual Board Meeting

I. Meeting Opening:

The annual meeting of the RRARS Board was called to order at 1710 hours on March 5, 2012 in the Private Dining Room #2 of the Phelps County Regional Medical Center by Steve Miller.

II. Current Board and Officers:

Board		Term
Al Kimrey	N0JQX	2012
Jeff McKune	KD0JLM	2012
Louis McCarthy	AI0LM	2013
Tom Jerris (<i>Absent</i>)	KB9ZBO	2013
Peter Price	N0XZN	2014
Ron Chinn	NA0Q	2014
Steve Miller	N6RHQ	2012 President

Officers		
Carl Stayer (<i>Absent</i>)	AC0CM	Vice-President 2011
Shawn Bleiler	KD0DMJ	Secretary
Peter Price	N0XZN	Treasurer

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III. Agenda:

Steve Miller provided the following agenda for discussion:

AGENDA ITEMS			
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support • Training/education • Fellowship • Fun 	Training/ Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting topics • Field day • Foxhunt • VEC – Quarterly exams • Digi/Emcomm
Core business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasure Report (<i>Peter Price</i>) • Assign Auditors (<i>Steve Miller</i>) • Membership roster/ reminders/ etc (<i>Peter Price</i>) • Club equipment inventory (<i>Peter Price</i>) • Confirm proposed officers (<i>Board action</i>) • Liability insurance proposal (<i>Steve Miller</i>) 	Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nightly Net • Co-meeting with Lebanon Club • Meeting Location • Fox Hunt

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Repeater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Status/update • Repeater Trustee • Governance plan in place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Goals – distributed governance to increase participation, sustainability, and support • Hancock Repeater – KD0DMJ, as of 3/5/12 status was healthy • Hospital Repeater – KD0JLM w/ WB9KHR, status – operational, densense and "make install permanent" • APRS digipeter: K0OG, status – healthy 	New Business Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liability insurance discussion • Bylaws-voting clarification, process
Community Development and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skywarn (good depth on establishing link) • State ARES support (K0OG is EC for Phelps Co.) • Ozark Trail 100 • Hellbender • PCRMC EOC Support • Repeaters • Saint-to-Saint Run (new) 		

IV. Discussion:

Steve opened the meeting by presenting the meeting agenda and briefly discussed the items. Following the agenda, Peter Price presented the Treasurers' Report (see figure 1).

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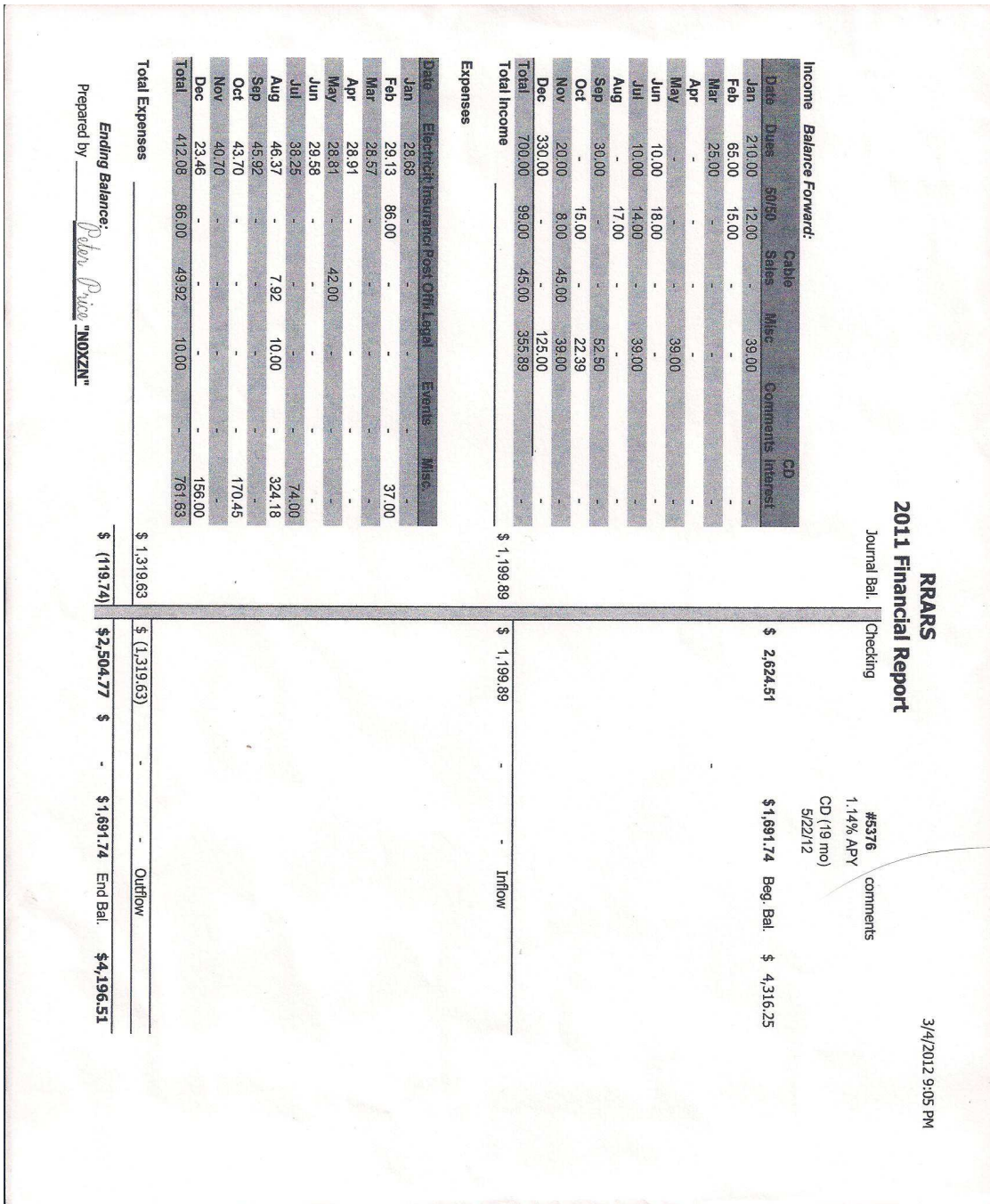


Figure 1- RRARS 2011 Financial Report

Peter reported that we currently have \$4196.51. Following the financial report, Steve reminded the group that we had saved and previously approved the purchase of a new repeater. However, we may be even better to the good as the repeater currently in operation that the Medical building site has been donated to the club by Steve (we also have Peter's WB9KHR repeater there also.)

The next order of business regarded the requirement to conduct an audit of the club's financial records from the previous year (Article VI Section A). Steve Miller requested a volunteer to chair the audit committee. Shawn Bleiler volunteered for the duty and was unanimously approved by the board.

UPDATE: A financial audit was conducted on March 24, 2012 at 10am at Panera Bread. In attendance were Peter Price, Shawn Bleiler, Gary Taggart and Russell Matrow. Peter provided the audit committee with complete records for all transactions. The audit covered fiscal years 2010 and 2011. The audit for 2010 had not been conducted the previous year. The audit committee found no issues with the thorough records provided.

Membership: The next issue discussed at the meeting regarded membership. Membership dues account for a significant portion of the club's operating funds. Steve fronted the unpaid portions of annuals dues for Tom Jerris and the McCampbell family to Peter Price. Steve requested input from the Board on ways in which the club can promote membership.

UPDATE: At the April meeting, Tom Jerris provided Steve with an empty envelope suggested to contain reimbursement for the dues paid at the Board meeting. After some haggling and joking, repayment was actually made. Many cookies were enjoyed by all who witnessed the event.

Ron Chinn suggested reaching out to student club at w0eee club at MS&T to gain more joint members.

Jeff McKune suggested adding a recruitment statement to the preamble of the net control script for the nightly net.

Jeff McKune nominated the club adopt a \$15 student membership rate to promote membership. The motion was seconded by Al Kimrey and unanimously approved by the board.

Ron Chinn will review the FCC license database to identify potential members to reach out to.

Equipment: The next issue of business regarded the status of club owned/loaned equipment. Peter Price will send out an equipment inventory to the board and officers for review and comment. Jeff McKune will follow up with Peter Hahn regarding the fate of his equipment currently in-use by the club.

Officer Nominations: Steve Miller nominated that Carl Stayer be retained as Vice-President, Peter Price be retained as Treasurer and Shawn Bleiler be retained as Secretary. Al Kimrey seconded the motion and the board unanimously passed the motion.

Liability Insurance: The issue of the club purchasing liability insurance to cover club members, board members and officers was addressed at the meeting. This

issue was previously discussed at the 2011 meeting but no action was taken. In 2011, Marsh quoted \$300 per year for liability coverage. A new quote prepared for the board meeting placed the cost at \$200 per year with an aggregate limit of \$2 million.

Steve proposed the club accept his donation of approximately \$1500 of equipment (Vertex 7000, CAT controller and Alinco) in exchange for the purchase of liability insurance covering the board and officers. Hays Affinity Solutions provided the quote for \$200 per year. The proposal was approved and Peter Price and Steve Miller will follow up.

Equipment Insurance: Jeff McKune suggested the club should reiterate the ARRL membership benefit of being eligible for low-cost equipment insurance.

Peter Price provided new quotes on insuring club equipment. The Hayes 2012 quote came in at \$134 per year. Marsh was \$86 per year in 2011. The club insurance would lapse as of March 1st. Peter Price intends to follow up regarding the prospect of more competitive pricing from Hayes and will follow up with an email to the board.

An issue with the current quotes is that the inventory does not reflect equipment donated to the club. Steve to get Peter the info on donated items.

Repeaters: The hospital repeater is still having desensing issues. Louis McCarthy reported not being able to key up the repeater from Saint James. Peter Hahn and Jeff McKune are researching the issues with this site.

Hancock repeater will require replacement of a skid on the shack that is exhibiting section loss. The site manager would also like to install a thermostatic control for the heating/AC.

Skywarn: At present the club has six operators to engage the Skywarn net. The hospital repeater has no code to disable the repeater if main and Hancock frequencies are jammed. This site still needs a macro to disable the link and transmitter. Peter Price will need to designate people to have access to the macros. Currently this includes the Repeater Trustee and site stewards, technical committee, President and Al Kimrey.

Community Support: PCRMC EOC will likely receive assistance from the CERT team if needed.

Other upcoming events include the Foxhunt which Jeff McKune is now chairing, Digi nets and emcomm events/training which Joe Council is leading. Jeff McKune suggested adding homebrew-style projects to the current club training plan.

New Business: Al Kimrey inquired about the prospect of setting up a 440 club repeater. Club is open to the idea.

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Peter Price reported on the repeated strange mailings coming to the club P.O. Box offering non-ham telecom enthusiast products. He also reported that due to a filing change in the tax law; the club has lost its tax exempt status. This could be recovered but the board was asked if this was a matter we should pursue. Ron Chinn indicated that he would inquire with his wife Stephanie regarding the benefits to retaining a corporate tax-exempt status.

V. Meeting Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1817 hours by Steve Miller. Jeff McKune seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.