

FWRC BOD MEETING

8 June, 2021

The June FWRC Board of Directors meeting occurred on 8 June, 2021 and was held at Carole and Al Burke's QTH.

Attendees included club President Carole Burke, WB9RUS, Vice President Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ, Secretary Al Burke, WB9SSE, Board members Steve Nardin, W9SAN, Bill Hopkins, K9WEH, Stu Hall, KD9LFW and Charles Ward, KC9MUT. Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST and Board member Clarke Derbyshire, KG9FM were not able to attend.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Carole served up coffee, and tea, and Al served up a desert of Cho-Cho's, a vanilla ice cream and chocolate malted milk treat, recalled from his and Carole's youth in the late 50's and early 60's, that Al recently learned to prepare. I think everyone enjoyed them.

Bob Streeter emailed the Treasurer's report details as follows:

Report as of 8 June 2021:

Checking Account = \$5,469.77
Savings Account = \$1,831.72
Vanguard Account = \$11,325.74
129 members as of 8 June 2021
1 prepaid member for 2022

Since ACARTS is not interested in having a joint ACARTS/FWRC picnic this summer, the FWRC will have one of its own.

It was concluded that we should have a summer banquet (along the lines of the Spring and Christmas carry-in banquets we regularly held prior to the disruption caused by the Coved virus situation). And it was decided that the ideal venue would be during Field Day at the Old Fort.

Instead of baked and fried chicken, we will serve hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs prepared by Master Chef Charles Ward (likely augmented by some Sauer Kraut prepared by Carole Burke).

And then all attendees will be asked to bring in other yummy items as we have done at all of our banquets. And attendees will be requested to bring chairs (and tables if desired) as is normal for Field Day meals.

This should be an ideal opportunity to get more club members to a Field Day operation to at least see what FD is all about, and to get club members out of the shack and socializing again with fellow club members now that the Covid hiatus has abated.

The Field Day/Banquet will be held on Field Day Saturday starting at 5:30 pm. We need to get the word out on this via a headline posted on the (fwrc.info) web page, at the June Club meeting (at the ACPL) on the 16th, and via the Little Red Barn and other nets operating in the area.

Al and Carole are attempting to have a sit-down with the Tin-Caps event planner to work out the details of conducting a special events station activity at the stadium during a Tin-Caps home game. We are going to shoot for having the event during the Tin-Caps versus Lake County game on Sunday, 11 July. The game starts at 1:05 pm so we will not have to contend with an after-game fireworks promotion. Hopefully we can conduct the special events activity for about six hours, probably from 12:00 pm 5:00 pm. During the game Carole will likely do a one or two inning interview with the Tin-Caps play-by-play guy Mike Maahs on AM 1380.

The June club meeting on the 16th will focus on Field Day planning. Charles will discuss the overall game plan for the weekend and Steve Nardin will discuss specifics about managing co-site interference. If it turns out that Charles has to work that evening, he is prepared to address the club meeting using his Android or a Tablet. In that regard Paul Prestia said he would talk to the library's AV guy about interfacing his cell phone to the rooms AV system to make Charles's audio, and perhaps video available if Charles can't be there in person.

Charles is preparing a short note that will be e-mailed to all club members asking who is planning to work and/or operate during Field Day, i.e., to get manpower commitments. He also plans to ask what equipment, if any, volunteers are planning to bring down to the venue. Steve will send out the email in the next day or so.

Paul Prestia was asked to provide the program for the August meeting and address the subject of operating with D-STAR. It seems D-STAR newbie's have questions about how to get registered with D-STAR, and what data one needs to program into their D-STAR radio, and in general, "what's going on regarding D-STAR activities in this area?".

A location for the Safety Fair is not yet known. So the question of if the FWRC participates in it this year is as yet undecided.

The August club meeting will occur at the ACPL on Wednesday, 18 August. The Tailgate Hamfest will occur as usual in the Good Shepherd UMC parking lot starting at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, FWRC