



TCRA Meeting Minutes 5-08-2025

Attending:

Chuck W5HRW - Zoom
Toni KI5YMU (sort of, I saw her pass by) - Zoom
Linda KE5GEI - Zoom
John KE5NDS - Zoom
Tom KC9RIK - in person
Earl W9EJH - in person
Chip W9OQI - in person
Rod WB9WKT - in person
Gary KC9CIT - in person
Sandy KC9LZW - Zoom

The monthly TCRA meeting was called to order at 7:07p by Vice President Sandy KC9LZW so those attending in person at Expeditions in Bloomer could eat their dinner which was served right before the meeting started. The rest of us joined them via Zoom at 7p.

Treasurer's Report/Rod WB9WKT: \$968.97

We went through the April 2025 meeting minutes. Paul KB9TYC made a change to the April 2025 Minutes Item C from: "TCRA DOMAIN NAME EXPIRED" to: "TCRA DOMAIN NAME EXPIRING AT THE END OF YEAR" before posting the minutes on the TCRA website.

Old Business:

- 1) The change from Paul KB9TYC in the April 2025 minutes as mentioned above.
- 2) Paul KB9TYC suggested at April's TCRA meeting that club members look over the tcra.org home page, in particular, the club summary, and look at the drop-downs in each of the headings at the

top of the page and let him know if we want to update/add/delete/change anything. This has not been done yet. The plan is to look this over before the next meeting and discuss any updates/additions/deletions/changes we would like Paul KB9TYC to make.

3) Sandy KC9LZW and digital modes: Rod WB9WKT showed Sandy his Signal Link set up, and they made a handful of contacts on BPSK31 and FT8. John AA9JL has offered Sandy a Signal Link which she will be picking up tomorrow.

New Business:

1) Field Day - TCRA is again invited to join the CVARC group for Field Day which will be held at Peace Memorial Park in Lake Hallie on Saturday June 28 and Sunday June 29.

2) Net Control Schedule for June:

June 5 - Chip W9OQI

June 12 - Sandy KC9LZW

June 19 - Rod WB9WKT

June 26 - Linda KE5GEI

3) Earl W9EJH gave an update on his repeater. All is well. He is switching over to the 44net.

4) CVARC needs a few more volunteers to help with radio communications for the Chippewa Valley Century Bike Ride on Sunday, May 25. Contact Chip W9OQI if interested.

5) Chippewa County siren testing - Earl found someone in New Auburn to help with siren testing on the first Monday of each month. Volunteers are needed for Stanley, Cadott and Boyd. Volunteers do not have to be an amateur radio operator. Anyone can volunteer. Sandy KC9LZW has queried a list of hams in each of these areas but has not yet contacted anyone. It is on her to-do list.

6) New hams: Too often, after licensing, new hams are never seen again and are not heard on the radio. Sandy KC9LZW has been working on an individual basis with new hams, hams new to the area

and hams who have reached out asking for information/help. If there is enough interest, she is thinking about organizing a virtual ham radio talk group as a way for hams to stay connected and involved. This virtual ham radio talk group would not be associated or affiliated with any particular ham radio club or organization.

7) Chuck W5HRW shared a picture of the project he and Toni KI5YMU have been working on - a van conversion for camping complete with ham radio equipment including a spot for K9DOG.

8) Sandy KC9LZW meant to add "6p presentation prior to 7p meeting" to New Business but forgot. Do we want to have a presentation before the 7p hybrid meeting? Sandy's 2-cents: Pause presentations until we go back to Zoom only as some members are gathering from 6p-7p for a bite to eat and to socialize at Expeditions before the 7p meeting. Your thoughts?

The next monthly meeting for TCRA will be on Thursday, June 12, at 6p at Expeditions in Bloomer if you want to grab something to eat and/or socialize until the 7p TCRA meeting with an option to join via Zoom for the 7p meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55p just in time for our TCRA weekly net at 8p.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy KC9LZW