



**TCRA December 2025 Monthly meeting
Thursday December 11th 2025
Meeting via ZOOM only---(everyone was a ZOOMIE)**

Attendance:

Me WB9WKT

Chip W9OQI (my arch nemesis, my flagman wingman, my friend) (no more day drinking for me)

Tom KC9RIK

Steve KC9ZIW

Earl W9EJH (calling in from Florida after arriving just a day or so before)

David KB9SGY

Sandy KC9LZW (north of 64 and loving it)

Paul KB9TYC (not present but Sandy had all kinds of notes from Paul--so counting him)

Linda KF5GEI

John KE5NDS

Chuck W5HRW (van was loaded pointed to WI--saw the WI WX report--van pointed South now)

Toni KI5YMU

K9DOG

Gary KD9CIT

LINUX Bob WB9HHW

7:01pm Zoom meeting called to order by Earl

Treasure report: Given by ME checking \$848.97 Savings \$26.91 opps new month \$26.92

Motion to approve: Tom 2nd chip

Minutes of November meeting Read by Sandy

Motion to approve: Tom 2nd Steve

THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING---WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE TCRA CLUB

I first want to say that 13 of our 17 paid members were present for this meeting---awesome show

This meeting was called so we could throw around ideas and ask for suggestions about what to do with the future of the TCRA club. The issues we see are:

We can't seem to get anyone to step up and take a spot on the officers positions

We are not growing

Our meetings have the same 8 or 9 people

Earl struggles with Walt when repeater problems arise--which are more common

The only thing we really do is the Thursday night net

The ZOOM classes are just Earl and I presenting

No one uses the 145.47 repeater much anymore--it's quiet

Earl went around the ZOOM ROOM and asked each person what they thought.

I was going to post each person's comments but they are all pretty much the same:

1. We enjoy each other's company on Thursday nights and would hate to see that go away
2. Some of us long timers loved the TCRA club--it's been around us for a LONG time
3. Members have learned a lot about ham radio from other club members

4. AK folks say they are too new to the club to really voice an opinion
5. AK folks say they are too far away to perform club officer duties
6. AK folks say they would love to keep the Thursdays together
7. Steve stepped forward and said he would become an officer if we helped him
 - 7-a. Steve also volunteered Tom who also volunteered to be part of the officers
8. It would have been nice to have Walt present to hear what he has to say
9. Everyone understands we don't want to kill this off but it does make sense
10. Paul can keep the web-site running---at no cost to us or him
11. Paul said we shouldn't give club \$\$\$ to individuals, or it should be ham radio related

Everyone pretty much agree it's not really worth keeping the TCRA club going---but we should come up with a plan to keep meeting on a regular basis

Some idea's going forward:

1. Take club money and pay everyone's dues for 1 year in the Chippewa Club W9CVA
 - 1a. The Chippewa Club would welcome us in no problem--they already discussed this
 - 2a. A big gaggle of us TCRA members are already W9CVA members
 - 3a. Chippewa Club said we could use the 147.345 machine for our Thursday nets
 - 3a-1. The 147.345 is on the same hill as 145.47 and its coverage is the same
 - 3a-2. we would be able to hook up ALSTAR to the 345 for the AK folks
 - 4a. The Chippewa group has monthly 1st Tuesday of the month meetings
 - 4a-1. Their meetings are also ZOOM so the AK folks and far away people could partake
 - 4a-2. Their meetings usually have a great guest speaker or meeting topic
 - 5a. The chippewa Club dues run March to March---so keep TCRA alive until March
 - 6a. w9cva.org is the chippewa club web-page---snoop around
2. Take the rest of the club money and do
 - 2a. put toward a high school student scholarship if they get a ham license
 - 2b. put toward other clubs to help them
 - 3c. at the very last meeting have a bunch of HRO gift certificates to random draw
 - 3d. pay each member 1 year dues into a club of their choice
3. Pay Walt a one last sum of \$120 for the 2026 year

We don't want this move to stop members from not joining other clubs

1. Members said they would follow the group if we all went to 1 other club
2. Some members could join the Barron group---it would be closer for them
3. What I'm trying to say is----PLEASE join another group if we fold

Going forward

1. The club officers will meet in Early January to discuss these options and the money
2. The January 8th ZOOM club meeting we will take a vote to STAY or DROP the club
3. If you have concerns about all this please reply to this email or send Earl, Sandy or ME (Rod) an email and voice your concerns.

9PM ZOOM meeting cut us off for the 4th time---so we unofficially adjourned

This was a long one. I believe I covered MOST of the high or should I say LOW points. Please feel free to reply all to this with what I missed. My note taking pen was smoking by the time the meeting ended---I haven't had a hand cramp that bad since my last casino slot machine run.

REMEMBER we have a Christmas ZOOM meeting coming up this Saturday evening 6PM CST. Earl will send out a ZOOM web address. Let's keep that conversation Happy. **How about this**

for an idea----if you have a senior high school picture of yourself lets see it Saturday---I bet we all could use a GOOD laugh---wait until you see mine with my LOVE BEADS and afro.

AGAIN----we all understand what is going on with TCRA----we are not the only club with this issue. We just don't want to abandon anyone. I've been a member almost as long a PAUL KB9TYC so we have been around for a long long long time---and loved every minute of it.;

One last thing-----STEVE-----please get a Santa hat for the xmas party---you can be our designated SANTA---digging the beard my friend. (and if you say you have been sporting that for a long time---then I guess I better pay more attention).

What did I leave out?????

73

GOD BLESS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Rodney WB9WKT

TCRA treasure and secretary

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