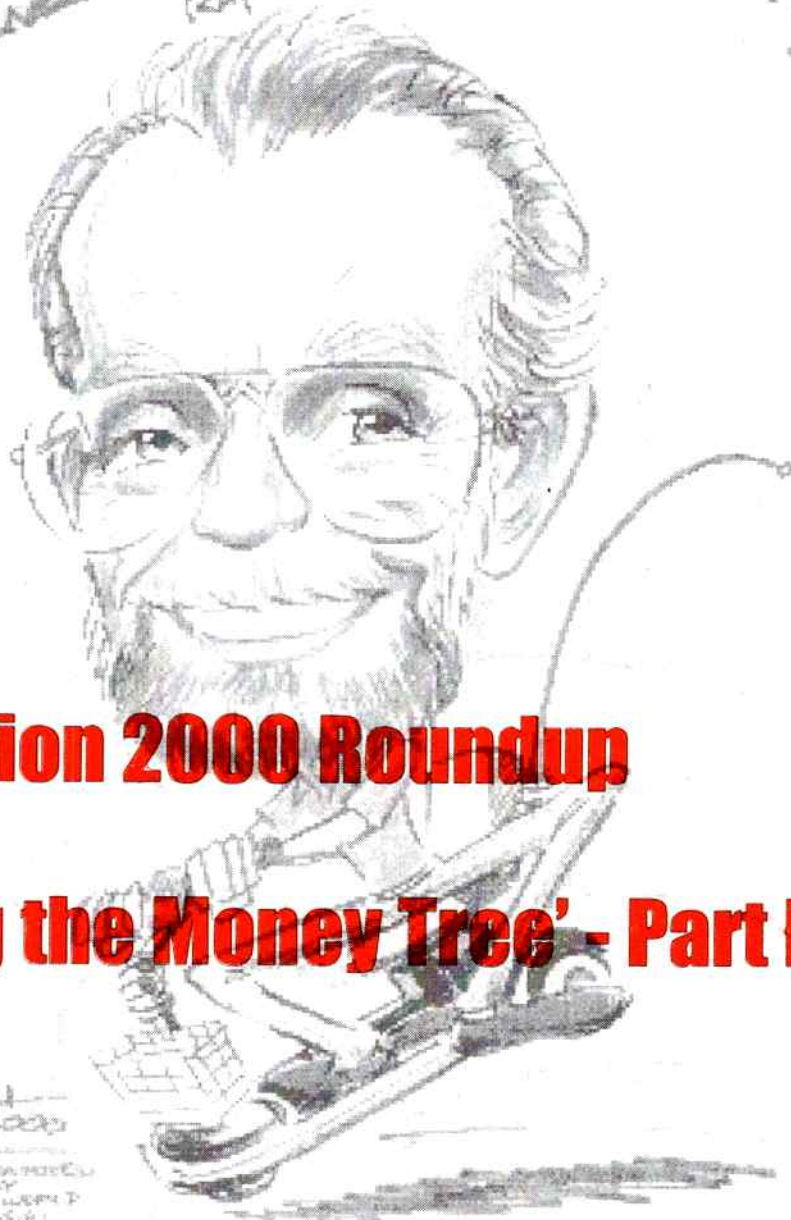




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From the Chairman

by Frank Jennings,
Chairman, Board of Directors

The 2000 REACT International Convention is history, and we must thank the Florida Council of REACT teams for making it happen. With Convention Chairman Walt Young pushing them all the way, they were able to do it in less time, just two years, than previous hosts have had.

We had representation from ARRL, Popular Communications, the FCC, Florida State Department of Emergency Management, and the mayor of Kissimmee. History was made when your Board of Directors unanimously adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ARRL.

History also was made by the ten REACTers from Trinidad & Tobago in attendance (a record for attendance by members from outside of the US and Canada). They presented a bid for a truly international 2001 REACT Convention. The members in attendance unanimously accepted their bid and promised to make every effort to be there. Their contingent carried reg-

istration fees for Lynn and myself home with them.

You will read much more in this issue of the REACTer about the convention. However, I want to touch briefly on the camaraderie, friendship, efforts of attendees helping the hosts, and all-around togetherness that was felt by all.

The committee reports were the best that we have experienced in years. They all had something to report and are making efforts on all fronts to promote growth through sharing ideas and making recommendations to the Board.

On a sad note, the Board reluctantly accepted William R. "Bob" Stone's resignation as Outside Director. He felt that restructuring had been accomplished and we were headed in the right direction. As he stated to me, he will have more time to restore his antique Lincoln convertible. God Bless and Happy Days for Bob and his lovely Lady Vivian. We know that you are watching us and willing to provide advice and guidance when needed.

-FJ



Life Members

by Richard T. Gamble,
Chairman, Life Membership Committee

Greetings to one and all! Life Membership is progressing once again. Between the 1999 and 2000 Conventions, we received eleven new enrollees. Unfortunately, we also had five "silent mics."

The Life Member Luncheon was held at the 2000 Convention and once again I was elected chairman for 2000-2001. The only item of business that was brought up was the Life Member Directory. The members felt that we should not try to publish a

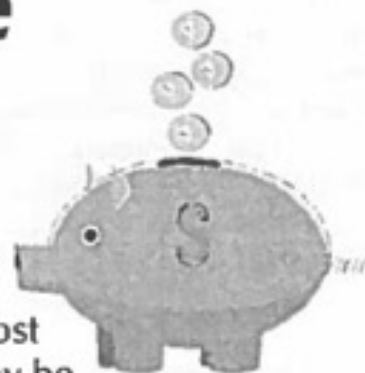
new Directory at this time, but should work with the Computer Committee to get the Directory on the RI Web site. The Directory will show only the Life Member number, name, and current status (active, deceased, or unattached). No other information needs to be included, except that Team and Council affiliation should be shown for active Life Members. The Web-based Directory should be updated automatically whenever new information is put into the RI database.

-RTG

Shaking the Money Tree

PART II

by *Stuart M. DeLuca*



Finding the money to support a *REACT* Team can be one of the most tedious and frustrating chores for the Team's leaders. Money may be needed to buy and maintain equipment, to pay for rent and utilities for the Team's headquarters, and to cover incidental costs such as printing and mailing a monthly newsletter.

You might think that the public would be more than willing to contribute the relatively modest amounts that most Teams need. And indeed, the public generally does recognize *REACT*'s importance to the community.

Unfortunately, in most towns and all large cities, there may be dozens, hundreds, even thousands of other worthy causes, all seeking money from the public to pursue their important missions. The numbers can be mind-boggling. Austin, a city of around a million people in its metropolitan area, has more than 1,500 non-profit organizations registered with authorities – and probably twice that many that haven't bothered to register.

Getting Together

More than a century ago, religious leaders in Denver faced the same problem and arrived at a simple solution: they would form an association of charitable organizations that would conduct a single, coordinated fund-raising campaign. Soon there were 22 local charities in their Charity Organizations Society. The strategy was immensely successful, and quickly copied in other cities. The Denver group changed its name in 1888 to United Way, and raised more than twenty thousand dollars

(a huge amount in those days). Today UWA has more than 140 local affiliates in the U.S. and raises, collectively, almost four billion dollars a year.

Each local United Way is, to a large degree, autonomous and free to develop its own fund-raising strategy and policies. Most of the fund-raising is done through local workplace campaigns. Employers agree to allow United Way to solicit contributions from employees, who pledge to contribute a certain amount over the course of a year. In most cases, the pledged contributions are then deducted from the employees' paychecks and turned over to United Way. It's a simple and amazingly efficient way to raise money for charities.

Until the late 1980s, United Way virtually held a monopoly on workplace solicitation. Charities that were not included in United Way's campaigns were left to fend for themselves. Some charities decided to form their own fund-raising federations, but found that employers were not eager to let them participate in workplace solicitations. The alternative federations went to court, charging the employers with unfair practices. Several courts ruled in favor of the alternative federations – where public-sector (government

agency) employers were involved. Today, it is generally agreed that public agencies, if they allow United Way to solicit their employees, must grant access to similarly qualified fund-raising federations. Private employers, however, are not required to do the same.

Today there are hundreds of alternative fund-raising federations, most of them local or state-wide, a few nationwide. Many of them "specialize" in raising funds for environmental, health, minority, or other specific types of charities. Some, however, are open to any charitable organization that is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) and meet various other requirements.

The Texas State *REACT* Council has been a member of an alternative federation, Another Way Texas Shares, for the past four years and has received about \$3,000 a year from its campaigns. Part of the money is retained by the Council for its own use, and the rest is divided among the Texas Teams that actively participate in the Council.

Each alternative federation has its own requirements and policies. Most operate as member-controlled organizations: each member agency is represented on

the Board of Directors that establishes fund-raising and distribution policies, organizes campaigns, and in many cases provides additional support services to members.

The contrasts between United Way and alternative federations can be surprising. For example, most United Ways require prospective grantees to submit an annual budget which is then reviewed by a committee. The committee decides how much each agency is entitled to receive in the coming year; the amount may be zero, or it may be the entire proposed budget. Any money an agency earns on its own, through separate fund-raising activities, is charged against the committee-approved budget. Thus if, for example, a local United Way decided that the XYZ charity should receive \$20,000 for the coming year, and XYZ managed to get a grant for \$5,000, the most that XYZ could receive from United Way would be \$15,000 – regardless of how much money employees pledged through the United Way campaign. (Again, however, each local UW sets its own policies, and not all follow these procedures.)

Since most alternative federations are member-controlled, usually each member receives all of the contributions that employees have pledged, plus a share of the “undesigned” funds that employees pledge to the entire federation. The Texas Council, for example, has gotten about half of its contributions from the undesigned funds pool.

Alternative federations have faced considerable opposition from UWA and many private employers have been discouraged from granting access. However, that is not always the case, and a few large, nationwide employers have declared that any qualified federation may conduct campaigns

GETTING THAT GRANT

by Roselle Hall
San Angelo (Tex.) *REACT*

Raising money is always a challenge to every organization, especially non-profit organizations. Grant writing is one option. But — Where do you start?

Most non-profit organizations do not have professional grant writers. But where there is interest and willingness, there is a way.

San Angelo (Tex.) *REACT* has submitted two grant proposals over the past two years and have been successful with both proposals, bringing \$10,000 to help buy needed radio equipment.

Half the battle in writing grant proposals is understanding where to look for the foundations or agencies that provide grants. Libraries offer books on how to write grant proposals as well as where to find foundations and federal agencies offering grants. An excellent series of books is available from:

Research Grant Guides, Inc.
PO Box 1214, Dept. 4A
Laxahatchee, FL 33420

The books are written in very basic language, listing the various foundations, the types of organizations they help, and the area of each state they will accept proposals from. The next step is to write a letter to each foundation that is

appropriate for your area and type of organization. Request their application information and procedure. Most will respond in two weeks or so.

Once you have the application and the specifics of what each foundation requires, writing the proposal begins. For those who have no idea how to write a proposal, again go to the library for resources. The Internet also has tips on how to write grant proposals. Check out the site < www.grantwriters.com >, the Web site for The Foundation Center, and the Web site for Revisions Grant Service. Many more exist — just use your search engines. The Federal Register will help to locate federal grant programs on the internet. Some state government agencies also may help — it's worth checking out.

You may be turned down several times before you are successful. Don't take it personally. There are many organizations anxious to get the dollars offered by foundations. Keep trying, learn from your mistakes, and you will be successful!!

in its factories and offices.

Alternative fund-raising federations offer local *REACT* Teams and State Councils another way to reach the public and to find the money they need to operate. Check the Yellow Pages under “Associations” and “Fund-raising

Counselors and Organizations” to see if there's a federation in your area.

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501(C)(3) and You!

Convention 2000

Roundup



by Walt Young, Convention 2000 Chairman

The REACT International Convention for 2000 got off to a rousing start Wednesday evening, July 26, at the Ramada Plaza Gateway in Kissimmee, Florida, with the Parade of Flags. Junior REACT members attending the Convention posted flags representing the United States, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, Germany, and of course REACT International.

Kissimmee Mayor Frank Atkinson welcomed the Convention to his city, following the Invocation by Life Member Paul Jones of Lakeland, Fla.

Life Memberships were presented by me to Karen and Eric Power and Bob Bodine for their many years of service to REACT and their invaluable personal friendship to me. The 2000 Convention Committee also presented a Life Membership to Sally Ann Knott for her tireless work on several Convention committees and as chair of the RI Ways and Means Committee.

Meals and Workshops

On Thursday morning,



Convention 2000 attendees gather in the Florida sun for the official photo.

(Photo by Michael Cauley)

Twenty people attended the Amateur Operators' breakfast. Jack Murrell, RI Region 4 Director, presided.

Life Members held their

traditional luncheon at noon on Thursday. Rich Gamble presided and was reelected chairman of the Life Membership Committee.

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Most of Thursday was devoted to workshops. A First-timers Orientation was conducted by Paul Jones for those attending their first RI convention. Mary Alicia Johnson of the City of Orlando and Bob Pickering, Florida Council's Operations and Training Officer, conducted an informational workshop on CERTS, a disaster response program designed to help people help each other during emergencies.

John Knott, John Fiskin, and Robert Lumpkin presented a workshop on RI's Disaster Rapid Response program. Chris Myers of the Florida State DCAT Team also gave a workshop to explain how the DCAT program works.

Linda Faulkner, Tammy Brown, and Kaitlin Power presented a workshop on Junior REACT.

The Time Capsule

A "time capsule" was filled with items from REACT members, Teams, and Councils in a ceremony Thursday evening. (See list of items in sidebar.)

Also Thursday evening, the K-40 Awards were presented to outstanding members and Teams. The awards, sponsored by K-40 Corp., were presented by Awards Chairman Leland Johnson to 1998 Member of the Year Fred Satterley, St. Thomas (Ont.) REACT; to 1998 Team of the Year Southwest Iowa REACT; 1999 Member of the Year Estelle Riemer, Montgomery County (Md.) REACT; and to 1999 Team of the Year Tri-City County (Wis.) REACT. (Note: Due to the confusion over restructuring, the K-

40 Awards were not presented at last year's Convention. Quarterly awards for 1998 and 1999 also were presented.)

The Convention Committee presented some awards of its own Thursday evening. Stuart DeLuca, Travis Co. (Tex.) REACT, won the Early Bird Drawing and a refund of his Convention registration fee. The



An even dozen Junior REACT members attended Convention 2000. (Photo: Michael Cauley)

Oldest REACTers at the Convention were Paul Huckleberry and Frances Hodges; the oldest Life Members (by membership number) were Ed Wirth, LM7, and Billie Vogenitz, LM145. The oldest Junior REACTers were Joseph Popalis, Jr., and Crystal Grantham; the youngest Junior members were Fred Faulkner and a three-way tie: Mary Faulkner, Katrina Andrejco, and Tiara Fry.

Seminar and Speaker

Friday's busy schedule began with a seminar conducted by Riley Hollingsworth, Special Counsel in the Enforcement Bureau, FCC. Mr. Hollingsworth discussed the responsibilities of a repeater owner or trustee, especially in the General Mobile Radio Service.

Friday afternoon was occupied with the Open Board Meeting. Delegates and Board members discussed a number of topics including proposed changes in RI's insurance program, proposals for Requests for Rulemaking to be submitted to the FCC, and other matters. Members

Time Capsule Contributions

The following Teams and Councils donated items to the REACT Time Capsule at the Convention:

- ✦ Bexar Co. (Tex.), a 25th Anniversary patch and a bandana
- ✦ Lee Co. (Fla.), a REACT letter and wedding photos
- ✦ Space Coast (Fla.), a 25-year belt buckle, K-40 key chain, a notebook from the 30th anniversary convention, and a notepad and armband from the 1991 convention
- ✦ Southern Calif. Council, pictures and a poster
- ✦ Harrison Co. (Ind.), a napkin bearing the motto, "REACT Forever!"
- ✦ Grand Island (Neb.), 1999 Convention forms
- ✦ Ontario Council, a Canadian flag pin
- ✦ Daytona Beach (Fla.), a pin given at the 1986 RI Convention
- ✦ Oklahoma Co. (Okla.), a pin commemorating the Murrah Bldg. Bombing.
- ✦ Travis Co. (Tex.), a trophy from an unsuccessful fundraising event
- ✦ Southern Minn., a state pin
- ✦ Space Coast (Fla.), 2000 Convention program and copy of *The REACTer*
- ✦ Trinidad & Tobago Council, a copy of their bid to host the 2001 Convention

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also voted to hold next year's Convention in Trinidad and Tobago. (See *Board Minutes elsewhere in this issue.*)

Finally, Friday evening, Conventioneers heard Craig Fugate, Bureau Chief of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Mr. Fugate discussed the importance of having secondary or "backup" communications capabilities when a disaster occurs.

Also during the Friday evening banquet, RI Chairman Frank Jennings and President Harry Hawkins presented some special awards.

The Eugene Goebel Award was presented to Bob Leef for his service as chair of the Public Relations Committee and to Johnny Stowers (in absentia) for his service as RI Database Manager.

President's Awards were presented to Stuart De Luca, editor of *The REACTer*, and in absentia to Wayne Barringer, RI's Webmaster; and to David Moore, who operates an e-mail list service for REACT members.

The Board also presented a proclamation of thanks to Walt Young and the Convention Committee.

Jan and Bill Thurling, representatives of Cobra Radio, join in the Friday evening banquet. (Photo: L. Besing)



Bob Leef, chairman of RI's Public Relations Committee, received the Goebel Award from RI Chairman Frank Jennings. (Photo: Lee Besing)

New Hams Tested

On Saturday morning, amateur radio license exams were given to six people; three passed the General test and one passed the Tech test.

Total attendance at Convention 2000 was 123 members, including 34 Life Members and 12 Junior members. Seven members attended from Canada and eight from Trinidad and Tobago.



25 Amateur radio operators attended the 2000 REACT International Convention in Florida.

(Photo: Michael Cauley)

Florida Emergency Management Bureau Chief Craig Fugate spoke at Friday night's Convention banquet. (Photo: Stuart DeLuca/The REACTer)



**Summary of the Minutes of a Special Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
REACT International, Inc.
Held at Kissimmee, Florida,
July 25-28, 2000**

Directors Present:

Frank Jennings, Chairman and Region 6
Harry Hawkins, President
Fred Lanshe, Region 1
Dick Cooper, Region 2
George Holmes, Region 3
Jack Murrell, Region 4
Larry Fry, Region 5
Lee Besing, Region 7
Ron Faulkner, Region 9
Bob Stone, Outside Director

Directors Absent:

Jesse Mauk, Region 8 (arrived 11:10 a.m.)

Officers Present

Harry Hawkins, President
Charles A. Thompson, Vice President & General Counsel
Lee Besing, Secretary
Fred Lanshe, Treasurer

Guests: None

Called to order at 8:40 a.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2000. Quorum present.

1. Presidential Awards. New "President's Award" proposed for persons who have been working hard as volunteers at RI level. Motion Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Hawkins to create and present award to Stuart DeLuca (Tex.) and Wayne Barringer, Bob Leef, and Johnny Stowers (Calif.). Tabled while criteria developed.

2. RI Office Matters.

a. *Employee needed.* Replacement needed for Beba Zevgolis who has given notice. Tabled.

b. *Copier.* Copier contract up for renewal August 28. Motion Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Lanshe, not to renew and to find a new copier.

c. *Office Lease.* Expires February 1, 2001. New lease would increase monthly rent to \$720 the first year, \$740 the second year, and \$760 the third year. RI already has the lowest rental in the building. Mr. Lanshe to contact landlord ask for a frozen rate at \$700. Motion Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Cooper, to authorize Mr. Lanshe to negotiate the lease, not to exceed monthly costs presented to the Board. Passed.

3. Credentials.

Convention Hosts asked if a member of the Board must be present while credentials are being issued (answer is no). John Knott (Fla.) was appointed credentials chairman. If delegate or alternate does not possess a current membership card, credentials may be approved pending Secretary's verification with RI database.

4. Policy Review. RI's published policies reviewed. Motion Mr. Murrell, 2d Mr. Fry, to appoint Mr. Thompson to reorganize the policies in compliance with the bylaws. Passed. Individual policies discussed.

a. *Policy 1.* Refers to RI's 501(c)(3) status (applies only to US Teams/Councils). Minor corrections approved.

b. *Policy 2.* Change to "suspend indefinitely" Team which does not pay dues by the deadline, rather than dropping, and to allow Teams to renew or restart their Team status by paying their dues. Suspended Team may apply for charter reactivation through Council. Former members must apply for a reactivation. Councils must be involved in the

decision to approve, just like a new Team application. Reactivation of former Team charters with same charter number will be allowed.

c. *Policy 3-1.* Fee abolished for member transferring from one Team to another. Strike line with vague language about debts and assessments.

d. *Policy 3-3.* Minimum number of Teams in a Council and geographical coverage discussed. Discussion held about Councils with their own 501(c)(3) tax status and the position that Councils hold within the RI structure.

e. *Policy 3-4.* Discussion held about role of Regional Directors and Membership Committee in conflict resolution. Team goes to Regional Director who brings it to the Board, can be referred to the Membership Committee.

f. *Policy 4.* No personnel records released without consent of the employee involved or court order. Personnel and legal matters discussed by Board are not public information until released by Board.

g. *Policy 5.* Discussion on Director appointments being until the next annual election period rath-

er than until that region's term expires. When bylaws were revised, it was intended that appointments be temporary until the next calendar year elections were held, not until the end of the three-year term, but bylaws are ambiguous. Board will fill vacancy for the full three-year term in the situation where there were no candidates.

h. *Policy 6.* No major changes in new Team charter policy where no Council exists. Procedure for issuing charters at RI office to be clarified. Board must be notified of all new Team applications.

i. *Policy 7.* Policy on national projects to be undertaken by Teams or Councils to be rewritten in a more positive manner.

j. *Policy 8.* Resolution of complaints with RI Headquarters. Remove "gag order" placed upon anyone who brings a matter before the Board. Policy to be rewritten in a more positive manner.

k. *Policy (no number).* Convention Site Locations. Policy to encourage conventions in different areas.

l. *Policy (no number)* regarding reimbursement

of Board expenses. No changes.

m. *Policy (no number)* regarding control of RI's Website exclusively by Board. Motion Mr. Cooper, 2nd Mr. Holmes, to strike policy. Passed.

n. *Policy (no number)* regarding REACT mailing list. No change.

Meeting recessed 12:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2 p.m. All Directors and Officers present; Dick Gamble, Life Membership Chair, was present.

o. *Policy (no number)* regarding individuals convicted of felonies or misdemeanors as REACT members to be revised to make it a recommendation for Teams, on a case-by-case basis, not to accept persons with a felony background and carefully screen applicants with misdemeanors. Convicted felons are not eligible for Life membership or RI Affiliate status

5. **Invalid Life Member Application.** Life membership of individual who had never been a REACT member revoked. Individual used disbanded Team's name (and leftover money) to obtain the Life membership. RI to keep funds (which by law should have been turned over to another 501(c)(3) entity on disbanding).

6. **Election Committee report.** Fred Lanshe, Region 1; Jack Murrell, Region 4; and Lee Besing, Region 7, were confirmed as re-elected.

7. **Officer Duties & Appointments.** Discussion held about RI office operations and the need for staff to work closely with the president. Mail has been reported as being delayed or being sent by

the office to the wrong persons. Discussion on status of current Officers, performance and learning curves, interfacing with office staff. Motion Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Cooper, to reappoint the current Officers for a one (1) year term. Passed.

8. **Office Inventory Adjustments.** RI's accountants advised that some items listed as assets (e.g., computer equipment) from 1995 would be dropped from the records as they were totally depreciated.

9. **Insurance Premium proposal.** Team Liability Insurance premiums and how the costs are distributed was discussed. Teams now pay a flat rate insurance fee of \$40 (US) when they renew. Proposal discussed to eliminate lump sum Team payment and substitute an amount based upon the number of Team members. Bonding Insurance coverage with a \$500 deductible may be provided in 2001. Both proposals to be presented to Convention Open Session for input

10. **Outside Directors.** Need for Outside Directors discussed. Input on possibilities sought from Membership.

11. **Combined Federal Campaign.** Motion Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Cooper, to have Public Relations Committee send letter to editors of various military newspapers to thank the military persons who donated to REACT International through CFC. Passed.

12. **Convention Supplies.** There was shortage of ribbons for Life Member and other categories at convention. Convention handbook

provides that the host provide the ribbons. Leftover ribbons are passed from convention host to convention host. Possibility of having RI make bulk purchases and provide to conventions at cost discussed.

Meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2000. All Directors and Officers were present.

13. **Planning Details.** Agenda for open sessions discussed.

Meeting recessed at 8:45 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m. All Directors and Officers were present.

14. **ARRL Memorandum of Understanding.** Mr. Thompson presented the final draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL). Motion Mr. Mauk, 2nd Mr. Holmes, to approve the MOU. Passed.

Meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Directors & Officers Present: Mr. Jennings, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Besing, Mr. Lanshe, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Fry, and Mr. Faulkner.
Directors & Officers Absent: Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Murrell, Mr. Fry, and Mr. Stone.

15. **Resignation of W. Robert Stone.** Mr. Jennings announced that Mr. Stone had resigned as Outside Director and had departed the convention. The Chairman had presented a plaque of appre-

ciation to Mr. Stone and thanked him for his many years of service to REACT International.

16. **Improper Membership Renewals.** Situation discussed where an individual member had submitted the dues of two other members directly to REACT International without going through the Team. RI office had issued the membership cards to the members directly. Matter referred to the Officers for handling since it involved office procedures.

17. **Credentials Question.** A Team delegate form was unsigned, but the two persons listed for delegate and alternate delegate were verified as being registered Team officers. After checking with Council delegate, Motion Mr. Mauk, 2nd Mr. Faulkner, to approve their credentials providing the Council president signs off on the form.

Meeting recessed at 1:55 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 5 p.m. All Directors and Officers present except Mr. Mauk.

18. **RI Office Management.** Mr. J. H. Barr (N.J.) presented an idea to the Board regarding office management and sources of employees. Board discussed past management techniques and experience. Discussion about replacement for Beba Zevgolis. Motion Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Holmes, to authorize the Officers to hire a replacement employee and to ask Mr. Barr to assist in the process. Tabled for additional discussion by the Board before taking any action.

Meeting recessed at 6:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 2000 All Officers and Directors present except Mr. Lanshe.

19. Office Management. Motion to authorize Officers to hire replacement for Beba Zevgolis taken off the table. Motion by Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Holmes, to authorize the Officers to hire a replacement employee and to ask Mr. Barr to assist in the process. Passed.

20. Election Ballots. Motion Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Mauk, to destroy the election ballots. Passed.

21. Definition of Chief Executive Officer. Consensus of the Board that section 6.5 of the bylaws stating that "the president shall be the chief officer of the corporation" was intended to mean "the president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation." Motion Mr. Mauk, 2nd Mr. Cooper, to adopt this interpretation. Passed.

22. Cobra Electronics Corp. Mr. Besing asked for approval to meet with Cobra Electronics Corporation's representative to reopen closer communications with Cobra. Current or former Directors or committee chairs, such as Bob Leef, Mr. Jennings, and Ken Green may be of help. Motion Mr. Faulkner, 2nd Mr. Cooper, to approve. Passed.

23. Eugene Goebel Award. Motion Mr. Besing, 2nd Mr. Faulkner, to award the Eugene Goebel Award to Bob Leef (Calif.) for his outstanding work with the Public Relations Committee and to Johnny Stowers (Calif.) for his outstanding efforts to

revise, rebuild and maintain the REACT International database. Passed.

24. President's Award. Motion Mr. Besing, 2nd Mr. Mauk, to award David Moore (Ky.) the President's Award for his support of the computer services committee and the REACT-L e-mail list, to Wayne Barringer (Calif.) for his work in revising and maintaining the REACT International Web Site, and to Stuart DeLuca (Tex.) for his work in revamping *The REACTer*. Passed.

25. Dues Structure for Trinidad & Tobago. Trinidad & Tobago representative Philip Gardner requested that the Board reduce the rate for Junior REACT members in Trinidad & Tobago because of financial hardship. Average income is less than \$3,700 (US) per year. Motion Mr. Mauk, 2nd Mr. Faulkner, to reduce the annual rate from \$15 (US) to \$5 (US). Questions were raised about whether this would be setting precedent for other countries. Consensus was that this should be handled on a case-by-case basis. Passed.

26. Membership Lead Program. Mr. Cooper described his computer program to follow up with membership leads.

27. Posting documents on the RI Web site. Board confirmed its February 2000 decision to post convention delegate forms (and similar items) on RI Web site.

28. Annual Renewal Forms Updating. Mr. Thompson asked for permission to simplify annual renewal forms and the renewal process. Should be possible to print out from the com-

puter database to prevent the need to write the same information on multiple forms. Motion Mr. Holmes, 2nd Mr. Besing, that the Officers simplify the renewal forms for the upcoming 2001 renewal. Passed.

Meeting recessed at 4 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8 a.m., Friday, July 28, 2000 All Directors were present, vice president absent.

29. RI Membership Committee Report. Membership Committee reported that the different parties from Trinidad & Tobago had reached a consensus, which should allow them to move forward as a Council and work together. Motion Mr. Cooper, 2nd Mr. Murrell, to approve. Passed.

30. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Faulkner nominated Mr. Jennings as chairman and Mr. Mauk nominated Mr. Cooper as vice-chairman. There were no other nominations and both elected by acclamation.

Meeting recessed at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvened in the Open Session of The Board at 1:30 p.m. All Officers and Directors were present.

31. Credentials report. 14 Council and 42 Team delegates, less one registered as both Team and Council delegate, 55 legal votes.

32. 2001 Convention Site. Motion Team 3153 to accept bid from Trinidad & Tobago, 2nd by Pacific Northwest Council. Passed. Motion Mr. Mauk, 2nd Mr. Faulkner, to accept the bid. Passed.

33. 2002 Convention Site. Motion Team 4577, 2nd Team 6009, to accept the 2002 bid for Des Moines, Iowa. Passed. Motion Mr. Mauk, 2nd Mr. Holmes, to accept the bid. Passed.

34. Half Year Dues Structure. Board asked for clarification of half-year dues rates, whether the rate was \$5 off, or 50% off, the full rates. Board had changed the dues rate in 1996 because of the financial situation of REACT International at that time and the current renewal form reflects a \$5 reduction for half-year dues. However, RI's published policy (dated 1990) states a 50% discount on new members registered after July 1. Motion Mr. Murrell, 2nd Mr. Faulkner, to establish half-year dues at 50% off in compliance with published policy. Passed, retroactive to July 1, 2000. Refunds will be made upon request. Noted that new Teams pay a \$15 charter fee and renewing Teams pay a \$40 per year insurance fee.

35. Insurance Fee Restructuring. Discussion held about proposal to change structure to charge \$4 per person for insurance, the amount of funds this would raise, and the types of coverage this could permit. Motion Team 2503, 2nd Team C-10, that the membership concurs with the Board following through on the proposed insurance changes and fee structure. This would mean instead of a flat \$40, a Team with 5 members would pay only \$20, but a Team with 65 members would pay \$260. Joan Shrigley (Illinois) suggested a stepped rate

for the larger Teams. Fee would apply to existing members (not to new members added throughout the year). C.C. Roberts (Hawaii), C-10, raised a question about dual memberships, where dues are being paid to more than one Team; fee would be for Team insurance, based upon number of Team members. Delegate vote: 32 in favor, 9 opposed. Passed.

36. FCC proposal #1. Motion Team 6000, 2nd Team 4577, to have Board try to get FCC to modify the rules to reduce the GMRS fees or to increase the license period to 10 years. Delegate vote: 24 in favor, 15 opposed, Passed. Motion Mr. Cooper, 2nd Mr. Fry, that the matter of reducing GMRS licensing fees or extending the license period be referred to the GMRS Committee for action. Passed.

37. FCC proposal #2. Motion Team 6000, 2nd Team 4577, to ask the FCC to reinstate group licenses for REACT Teams using GMRS repeaters and to permit expanded privileges for grandfathered Team licenses. Delegate vote: 33 votes in favor, 3 opposed. Passed. Motion Mr. Besing, 2nd Mr. Cooper, that the matter of group GMRS licenses and grandfathered GMRS license restrictions be referred to the GMRS Committee. Passed

38. Regional Director Concept Reviewed. Mr. Cooper explained that the purpose of a Regional Director was to promote membership within the region, to promote Councils where there are no Councils, and to promote Teams where there are no Teams.

39. REACT Chat Room Schedule times. J.H. Barr (N.J.) suggested that the Board try to establish dates and times for being in the REACT Internet Chat room so that members could approach Officers and/or Directors with questions or suggestions with a schedule published in *The REACTer* and the Web site. He said the primary focus of REACT should no longer be exclusively on CB Channel 9.

40. Standing Ovation for Board and Convention Hosts. John Fiske asked the attendees for a standing ovation for the Board of Directors and for the 2000 RI Convention hosts.

41. Communications Committee Chair-persons. Mr. Murrell announced that John Swaton was the new CB Chair, Dave Boone the GMRS Chair, and C.C. Roberts the Amateur Chair. He then discussed the change many years ago when "Citizens" was changed to "Communications" and addressed the subject of CB radio usage in non-metro areas of our population, and the role CB can play in disaster because of the lack of repeater availability.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 3:55 p.m., July 28, 2000, *sine die*.

Lee W. Besing
Secretary

(This summary was prepared by Vice President and General Counsel Charles A. Thompson from the minutes submitted by Secretary Lee W. Besing. Copies of the complete minutes are available electronically by addressing e-mail to <react@reactintl.org>, Printed copies may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 77¢ (US) postage to REACT International, Inc., 5210 Auth Road, Suite 403, Suitland, MD 20746-4330.)

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*Whiteside Co. (Ill.), angel and angel card; history of the Team

*Onslow Co. (N.C.), T-shirt and Team history

*Michigan State Council, key chain

*Nebraska State Council, 1988-89 Team Directory

*Florida State Council, roster, business cards, and convention photos

*Orlando Metro (Fla.), Team roster, business card, letter from Gov. Jeb Bush

*Paul Jones, Lakeland (Fla.), gold dollar coin

In addition, the following Teams, Councils, and individuals contributed Team patches, pins, and/or business cards:

Colleton Co. (N.C.); Tri-City (Wis.); Honolulu (Hawaii); Ramsey Co. (Minn.); Ontario (Ont., Canada); Caroni Co. (Trinidad & Tobago); Pres. Harry Hawkins, (RI card and Saginaw, Mich., Team pin); Pacific Northwest Council

-List provided by Carol Forbecker, Orlando Metro (Fla.)

10-9?

In the May-June REACTer, on page 11: the Suburban Arts Fair was held in Highland Park, not Deerfield, Ill. On page 12: Glass City REACT is located in Lancaster, not Fairfield, Ohio; and the correct Team Number for St. Cloud (Minn.) is 3791. If you spot an error in The REACTer, please let us know. E-mail to <REACT@reactintl.org.>

Trinidad and WHAT?

Trinidad and Tobago REACT Council will host the 2001 International Convention.

The independent nation of Trinidad and Tobago consists of two islands just off the coast of Venezuela. Population is about 1.5 million.

Although the country is located in the West Indies, it is an English-speaking nation. The population includes African, Spanish, French, English, and Chinese, but the largest ethnic group are descendants of plantation workers imported from India, after England outlawed the African slave trade in the 1830s.

The islands' economy is based mainly on the export of petroleum products, thanks to abundant oilfields just offshore. Iron and steel fabricating is another major industry. The islands' government intends to promote tourism as a third source of revenues.

The 2001 RI Convention will be held in the town of Tunapuna, at the northern end of the larger island, Trinidad. The nearest major airport is in Port-au-Spain, a few miles away on the west coast. Miami is the principal port of departure to Trinidad and Tobago.

Look for more details about the 2001 Convention in Trinidad and Tobago, beginning in the November-December REACTer!

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(Please Note: In most cases, the only information we have is that the member is deceased. We would be pleased to publish more information if you will provide it to us.)

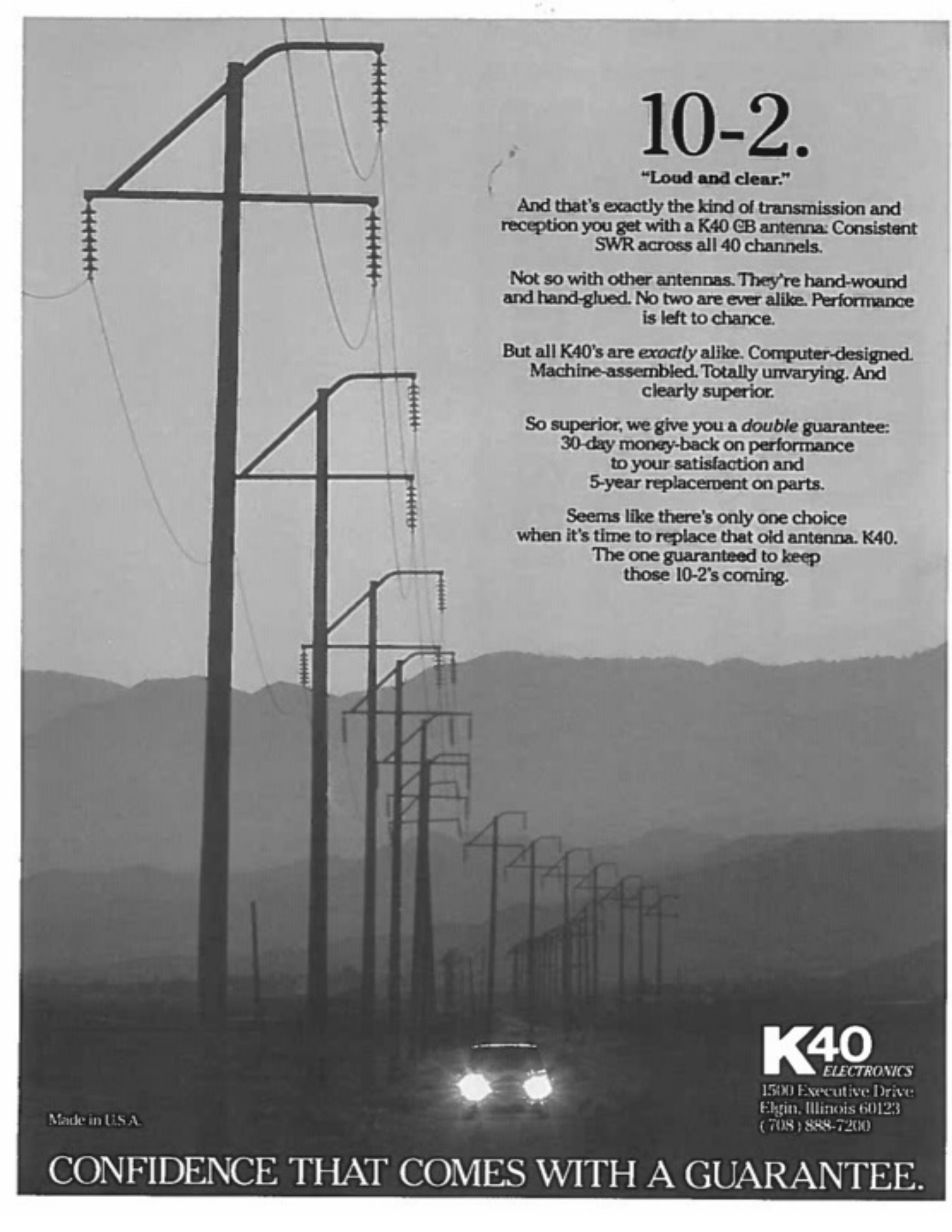
Claud Eldridge, Florence, Ore.

Louis D. Green, McGuire Alert REACT (LM 513)

Sherman R. Fox, Door Co. REACT

From Larry V. Luebben, President, Tri-City (Calif.) REACT:

April 29, 2000, was a sad day for Tri-City REACT and other Teams in southern California. Mark Denis, "the voice of KFI," passed away. He was Tri-City Unit 65, a good friend and strong ally of REACT. He was often heard to comment to his listening public, "You can be sure there is an accident there because it was reported by a REACT monitor." He was a big backer of Traffic Watch and advertised it with every report. Mark was always available for our installation dinners, to install new officers; he had a great sense of humor and a smile for everyone. He had heart surgery in January and had gone back to his favorite job, at KFI and KOST radio stations. We are proud that he was a member of our Team, and sad to report the silencing of his mic.



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