

AJARC

Meeting Minutes

July 7th, 2020, 7 pm (19:00)

Location: Rotary Pavilion by Swimming Pool, Hardin Park.

Present: 15 members present including Board Members Ian Bible (KE4EAC), Scott Bird(KM4FYJ), Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)

Next meeting: August 4th, 2020 TBD/Roby Center

1. Meeting, Pledge and Invocation

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Ian bible. Abner Richards(K4MIK) led us in a prayer.

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside reported the checking account balance of \$5,446.02 as of June 30, 2020. Interest for June was \$1.20. Expenses totaled \$444.90; for razor wire for Tower \$77.89, liability insurance \$200, TN non-profit agency registration \$50, June GLPS \$27.00 and Kinser Park pavilion rental \$90.

There was motion by Scott to accept the treasurer report as read, seconded by Ralph, motion passed.

We are legally a 501C3 with IRS and Tenn.

List of club assets: For the clubs benefit, I am trying to compile a list of club assets like trailer, power supplies, tower equipment, antennas, towers, coax, generators, computers, and anything that AJARC owns of value. We need to know where it is too.

3. Old business:

Field day June 27-28 2020: Ian discussed the results, Larry (KN4MVH) uploaded them to ARRL. Ian did not yet have club prizes to distribute.

Everyone felt they need to plan better as there was some signal conflicts between the voice and digital modes. The 75 m antenna should have been put up the highest to reduce interference. There were some field day programs that we should have done to get extra points like having a safety officer monitor setup, or youth programs scheduled. We did have solar panels and some battery powered operations which was a plus.

HamFest2020: There was some discussion by Ian and others on what the impact would be if we didn't hold the HamFest this year. Currently, the only major expenses remaining for the year are HamFest related. If it was to be canceled, we are still in good shape financially. Club still has reserve funds in account. Ian suggested that we would need to monitor expenses for the remainder of the year to avoid any issues.

Tower repairs: Tower maintenance is an ongoing concern affecting the budget.

4. New Business

Tax exempt for purchases: Larry Whiteside offered to go to Lowes and file paperwork to allow our purchases to be tax exempt.

Nomination Committee: Per the AJARC By-laws, Ian Bible appointed three club members to be on the committee to select candidates for club leadership positions for 2021. Chosen were Ralph Bible, Denny Dunn and Dennis Holt. By-laws states the following about role of Nomination Committee:

Nomination Committee: The President will appoint a nomination committee six months prior to elections should there be a need to fill director positions. The committee will be charged with finding qualified candidates to run for office. The committee will present a ballot to the president at the regular meeting one month prior to elections at which time the President will entertain a motion for nominations and to accept the ballot. The final ballot will be published and made available to all club members through social media, website or email. The president will dissolve the nomination committee after the annual elections.

Trailer issues: Scott Bird raised some concerns about the condition of the trailer and the need to repair and update several items. Items include the undercoat is flaking off, deck boards need to be replaced, bearings need to be re-packed, tires are starting to dry rot, we have no spare tire, hand crank system needs lubrication. There is some metal decking issues where the tower mounts to the trailer. There are some storage issues in how the equipment is attached to the trailer. Scott stated he has talked at one of the Greeneville schools about having their students make the repairs. We would need to pay for materials. About \$500. There was motion by Bobby Gass and seconded by Ralph Bible to authorize Scott to get the work done for the critical repairs for no more than \$500.

Hamfest 2021: it was suggested that we get our 2021 date in the ARRL calendar. Larry Whiteside offered get started on the paper work to get it on their calendar.

5. Roundtable

There is going to be a tower party on 18th with Ralph Bible round 9/10am if you have time and want to help out.

Tower maintenance party possible this Saturday, July 11th to update fencing, repeaters, measure building for some improvements, and evaluate some structural issues.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15

Provided by Larry Whiteside, Sec/Treasurer

Next month: Key agenda item will be to decide on holding the Hamfest or canceling it.