

AJARC

Meeting Minutes

March 2nd, 2021 7 pm (19:00)

Location: Directed Net on Club Repeater

Present: 23 Members checked in and tracked with NetLogger

Next meeting: April 6th, 2021 Greene County Fairgrounds

1. Meeting

Ian Bible (KE4EAC) led the directed net. Nearly all of the members checked in prior to the start of the meeting. Thank you.

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer: Deposits \$210.53 (dues and donations), Expenses totaled \$465 (Windshield, HamFest Flyer and GLPS). Checking Balance is \$5,755.49 as of Feb 28, 2021.

Be sure to check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site. You can renew through PayPal or by check. If you have questions about your membership please contact Larry Whiteside at KN4MVH@gmail.com.

There are 34 current members. Four memberships expire on or before March 1st, 2021: Kelly Beany (N4ZPB), Mike Dugger (KI4UVE), Dennis Dunn (KN4AYP), and Roy Fleming (KN4PKP). One new member KD4KFL John Brown.

3. Old business:

Trailer repairs status (Scott Bird – KM4FYJ): Last month Ralph Bible has issued a challenge to others to make donations to upgrade the trailer tool box. Challenge for \$10.00 donations to replace the tool. Trailer is currently at the repair shop. Scott reported that he met with the contractor to address a few questions related to the ramp location for the generators and spare tire mount. No estimate on completion date.

Tower repairs (Bobby Gass-N4FV/ Dennis Holt-KN4JSF: Lots of general clean up needed: windows, shingles, debris, bottles and general litter. Two trips planned, first to assess condition after winter, second to make repairs (scheduled for March 6th, leaving from Hardees on Ashville Hwy)

Windshield fund: Club has raised the \$331 dollars through donations to meet our goal and Dennis Holt (KN4JSF) has been reimbursed. No other donations needed. Thank you to the following members that contributed: Scott Bird (KM4FYJ), Wade Coffie (W3WLC), Terry Claiborne (KC3KMV), Bobby Gass (N4FV), Mark Slep (N4MRK), James Stewart (KE4KKI), Bill Tackett (KN4N), Larry White (AG4OB), Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH). Dennis thanked everyone for the donations.

HamFest 2021 - April 17th: a long list of items were discussed.

1) It will *outdoor only event*. Larry Whiteside has flyers if you can distribute at one of the upcoming events. We are an ARRL sanctioned event and have several donated gift certificates from them to give away this year. We will have access to the rest rooms at the buildings.

2) Club member's rules regarding attendance and prizes: No AJARC club members or their immediate family are eligible to win any prizes. Club members will receive free admission as long as they volunteer during set up on Friday or work during the event on Saturday.

3) The Hot Dog guy will be at the event again.

4) PA system: John Brown will be providing the PA system and would like to meet in advance with Ian about needs. Would like to provide a more waterproof system. Equipment will be moved to the space that the club will have in the central area of the tailgating area/parking lot. They have "quiet" running generators that they will use for the event.

5) Parking: Event attendees will be directed to two possible parking area inside the fence. One to the right if they are only attending and not needing a tailgate space. Those attending and tailgating will be directed to the left to the tailgate area. There was some discussion about this as it was suggested to have non-tailgater park outside the fence and walk in through the main gate. Several club members felt that might lead to safety issue at the main gate with pedestrians and vehicles going through the one gate.

6) Testing: Abner Richards K4MIK stated that the testing will take place at 10am in a quiet area up under the Andrew Johnson Bank Pavilion.

7) Public relations: Bill Tackett KN4N report that he has got the event listed QTH.com web site. Larry Whiteside will send Press releases to several new outlets in the weeks ahead of the event. Bobby (N4FV) reported that SERA is going to be listing the event on their web page and maybe their publication. Bryan W4BRN offered to provide some sandwich board signs and directional signs. He offered cones but the club can use some barrels from the fairgrounds. He also stated that they have John Deer that they could loan. James (KE4KK) has the banners and they are ready with the new dates and removed the

8) Rental cost: Ian stated that the rental cost should be lower because of not using the buildings.

9) Club space in parking area: AJARC will have canopied area in the parking lot in the center of the tailgating area. PA will be based there as well has the drop location for door prize stubs.

10) Camping: There is some locations with power but club will not have any other night security. Tailgaters are allowed to camp in their spots. \$35 fee for the hookups.

11) Gates/Tickets: Larry White and Larry Whiteside will be working the gate selling tickets.

12) Donations: Dennis (KN4JSF) suggested we contact Walmart for door prizes. Ian is going to touch base with Radio Shack and Gosnell's.

4. New Business

5. Roundtable

The April meeting will be in person and Larry White (AG4OB) stated that he will bring pepperoni pizzas to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned time 20:15

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NetLogger listing

- 1) KE4EAC, Ian J Bible
- 2) N4FV, Bobby J Gass, (log)
- 3) K4MIJ, Ralph S Bible
- 4) W2BRN, Bryan S Smith
- 5) N4MRK, Mark A Slempp
- 6) KN4JSF, Dennis W Holt Jr
- 7) AG4OB, Larry J White
- 8) KN4AYP, Dennis K Dunn li
- 9) K3MIJ, Joan Bible
- 10) K3WLC, Wade L Coffie
- 11) KD4KFL, John D Brown
- 12) K8LOU, William L Ricker
- 13) KN4MVH, Lawrence J Whiteside
- 14) KN4N, William J Tackett
- 15) KJ4EOC, Stephen J Weiss
- 16) KK4HAC, Robert M Kricko
- 17) K4MIK, Abner D Richards
- 18) KM4FYJ, Scott A Bird
- 19) KE4KKI, James W Stewart
- 20) KM4EBZ, Robert J Etheredge
- 21) W4BWW, Bobby W Whitaker Jr
- 22) NORIP, Bruce A Stark
- 23) KD4KFL, John D Brown