

AJARC

Meeting minutes

July 6th, 2021 - 7 pm (19:00)

Location: Hardin Park – Optimist Pavilion (second on the left as you enter)

Present: 20 members present including President, Vice-President and Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: August 3rd, 2021

Old Oak Tap Room outside under their tent area. Address is 665 Erwin Hwy, Tusculum

Meeting

Ian Bible (KE4EAC) called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, Abner Richards provided the prayer.

1. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer: Deposits \$600.39 of which \$48.00 dues, \$551 in donations, and interest of \$1.39. Expenses totaled \$140.00 of which \$90.00 to cover two day rental for Kinser Park Pavilion, \$30 for the GLPS and \$20 for a pavilion at Hardin Park.

Checking Balance is \$7,112.74 as of July 1st, 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.

Minutes from the last meeting are on the website for review.

There are 43 members. Two memberships will expire this month. They will be contacted by email. .

2. Old business:

Tower repairs (Bobby Gass -N4FV / Dennis Holt-N4DWH): There is still an echo occurring but intermittently. Working on thought of changing tone again for the 6m repeater. Dennis reported there is a bracing issue with the stairs at the tower and it needs to be dealt with as it's a safety issue. During the July 4th weekend a group worked and had a cookout at the tower. Bobby noticed that the old antenna needed to have dummy load on it or it causes issues

Hamfest 2022 (April 16th) will be on Easter weekend. Larry Whiteside has submitted paperwork to ARRL for sponsorship but has not heard back from them.

Field Day: Ian presented pins based on stats and everyone was pleased with the outcome. Food was good but club still ended up spending some money as one of the companies lost our request so we end up buying food. Bill presented receipts for the food and was reimbursed. Everyone who attended will be reporting on Field day. Stats were submitted Larry Whiteside. Everyone was happy with the generator provided by BOOMCO. Bryan (W2BRN) has a bill for \$42 for diesel fuel for the generator and will get it to Larry(KN4MVH) for reimbursement.

Fall tailgate event will be held 1st or 2nd Saturday in October Hal Henard School parking lot. Bryan Smith will follow up and finalize dates. (W2BRN) has made contact with the schools about using the parking lot in the for tailgate/meet event.

3. New Business

Everyone supported the idea doing an appreciation plaque for the BOOMCO owner for the use of the equipment/use donation at Hamfest and Field day. Several club members remembered where they purchased them in the past and will provided with examples and contacts. They also supported sending letters of appreciation for their donations.

John Brown (KD4KFL) suggested we do more for field day to promote it. Ian nominated him to chair the promotion committee for field day.

4. Roundtable

There is a summer swap meet/ tailgate by the Carter County Amateur Radio Association on Saturday July 10th at Tinker Road exit off I-26 exit 34, 8am, there will be testing sessions too.

There will be a presentation by David Houser (WA9OTP) at the next meeting: "Amateur Radio in the Jungle of Honduras" which was the topic of a QST article. (https://winlink.org/sites/default/files/linden_0.pdf)

Meeting adjourned time: 20:05