

AJARC

Meeting Minutes

August 3rd, 2021 - 7 pm (19:00)

Location: Old Oak Tap Room, 665 Erwin Hwy, Tusculum, Outside

Present: 22 members present including President, Vice-President and Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: September 7th, 2021 Old Oak Tap Room, 665 Erwin Hwy, Tusculum, Outside

Meeting

President call the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Abner Richards.

1. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer: Deposits \$65 dues. Expenses totaled \$130.05 of which \$43.25 for plaque, \$30 for the GLPS and \$20 for a pavilion at Hardin Park, \$36.80 staples 2022 Hamfest.

Checking Balance is \$7,085.68 as of July 30rd, 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 40 members. Three memberships expires this month. They will be contacted by email and if no response, removed.

2. Old business:

Tower repairs (Bobby Gass -N4FV / Dennis Holt-N4DWH): Bryan (W2BRN) reported that he went up to the tower with Steel Guy (Travis) to evaluation the stairs. Stairs need some painting, welding, and railing repairs but the wood landing is in bad shape and we need to have carpenter look at those repairs. Painting and railing repairs would be about \$500 plus paint which is very expensive (about \$150 a gallon for the right stuff rust preventive paint). Metal needs to cleaned/wire brushed before painting. Roof and siding is also in bad shape and needs work, including painting.

One of the club members read about some funding sources that we might be able to secure for tower repairs. He will find the info and send to Ian and Larry.

Denny attempted to contact John at University of Memphis about getting into tower making repairs to their equipment but he never heard back from them. Bryan Smith now has fire tower keys.

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. Ian is thinking that maybe we could move the Hamfest from the fairgrounds to the school in 2023 to take advantage of the class rooms, parking lots and gym for the indoor sales. More discussion to come on this.

Field Day: Stats were submitted Larry Whiteside. Plaque for BOOMCO. Bryan (W2BRN) provided receipt for \$42 for diesel fuel for the generator. Bryan will give plaque to BOOMCO owner.

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Fall tailgate event: either the 1st or 2nd Saturday in October Hal Henard School. Still working to see if its available for the October.

3. New Business

Promotion committee for field day: John Brown (KD4KFL) was appointed Chair by Ian at the last meeting. Tabled to next meeting as he was not at the meeting.

There was a presentation by David Houser (WA9OTP) on his experiences working with a volunteer group in Honduras. See "Amateur Radio in the Jungle of Honduras" which was the topic of a QST article.

https://winlink.org/sites/default/files/linden_0.pdf

Bob Gass provided a MFJ SWR analyzer that was donated to the club by Andy Lamp (KE4BFJ) who moved to Ohio and had won it as a door prize. We will send him a thankyou letter.

ARES Meeting: Scott announced that there would be a meeting at the Pizza Inn on Wednesday, August 4 at 7pm.

4. Roundtable

Meeting adjourned time: 20:05