

AJARC

Meeting Minutes August 2nd, 2022

Location: **Old Oak Tap Room, 7pm**

Present: 24 Members, 5 guests, including President, Vice President and Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: September 6th, 2022 7PM

Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Ian Bible (KE4EAC), followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and then a prayer led by Abner Richards (K4MIK).

1. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report: Deposits of \$526.28 (\$24.00 in dues, \$1.28 interest income est., \$1 in donations, \$500 from Walmart for books for education program. Expenses totaled \$32.00 (GLPS of \$32.00). Checking balance as of July 31th, 2022 is \$7896.22. Memberships: 54. We are still expecting bills from field day and one check that has not yet been cashed from Field Day.

Please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site as we show there are 5 memberships expiring. Renew through PayPal or by check. If you have questions about your membership please contact Larry Whiteside at KN4MVH@gmail.com. Minutes are on the website for review. I removed two club members from the list which had been notified but never responded from May 2022.

2. Old business:

Hamfest 2023 (April 15th): Bryan W2BRN reported that he is working with the school and they are putting together some numbers on possible rental for the April date. Nothing has been provided yet.

Swapmeet and Fox-Hunt: New date is September 24th, 2022 and it is going to be combined with a Fox Hunt. Bob Gass (N4FV) is chairing the swap meet, and the Fox Hunt committee members are Bryan Smith (W2BRN), Scott Bird (KM4FYJ) and Dennis Holt (N4DWH). Swapmeet will be from 8am to noon at Hal Harden School. There is no conflict with the school and we will have to pay \$100 for the custodian services. Fox-Hunt will be a two stage hunt, first a close/near hunt, then a county-wide hunt. There will be a prize for the winner of the county-wide hunt. The committee will be drafting up the rules. There will be an entry fee of \$10, and teams will be two people per team. Prize will be two HRO \$50 gift cards and Bryan Smith (W2BRN) has agreed to donate them. Club is going to buy a new transmitter for the fox hunting. Bryan has researched the cost for the more powerful fox and thinks it will be just under \$150. Allie Peet (AA6IM) has donated \$150 for the purchase of the new fox.

Towers/ repeaters: Repair party scheduled for Sept 10-11, 2022, to tear off the rest of roof and replace with new. Repair fascia boards. We need people who can climb and work on the roof. Bob (N4FV) and others have expressed an interest to purchase another camera for the fire tower. A motion was made to purchase of the new camera was Steve Weiss and seconded by Chris and it passed to spend the money another camera.

Field Day June 25-26, 2022: Any additional comments or thought? Field day pin for Charlie Flint (K4CMF) and for Dennis Holt (N4DWH) who missed the last meeting. Bills?

Nominations Committee for 2023 Allie Peet (AA6IM), Mark Slem (N4MRK) and Abner Richards (K4MIK): They are going to meet to prepare a list of candidates for the fall election of officers.

AJARC W4WC Trustee position: There was discussion on the trustee position and what the duties are. Bryan Smith (W2BRN) has volunteered to take the job as Trustee. Bob and Bryan will begin the process to transition the role to Bryan. There was motion by Mark Slem (N4MRK) and Larry White (AG4OB) seconded to accept Bryan as the new trustee. No one opposed.

Technician Training Steve Bible (N7HPR) update: Steve reported they are in their 4 week of training. Bryan provided to Steve two pieces of equipment that he and Bob found at the Waynesville Ham fest that they purchased for \$50. The most interesting item was a demonstration board to help students to understand the various electrical components like resistors.

Grant proposal submission status-Steve Bible (N7HPR): Steve reported no news yet on the status of the ARRL Club Grant proposal that was submitted. There was discussion on two question about controlling access to the equipment should the funding be awarded and how the use of the equipment would be monitored. Additionally, there was discussion it would be secured. Steve reported that the equipment would be placed in locked cabinet when not in use. There was more discussion about a written agreement/contract or MOU with the Greeneville County Makers group about the equipment and the use of the space. Nothing was finalized on this discussion.

3. New Business

Walmart donation Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH): In June, Larry Whiteside wrote Walmart requesting a donation of up to \$500 so that club could purchase some educational material about ham radio equipment, books on how to become licensed ham radio operator, or the building and installing radios or antennas for the Greeneville Public Library. We received a check in the mail for \$500 to make the purchase and then we will donate the books to the library. Larry had created a list possible list of books and reference materials that we could purchase and then make a presentation the library. We are open to suggestions. Some of the books we may require that they remain as reference books given the cost and not be checked out but others could be put into circulation. Larry will begin making the purchases and schedule a presentation with the library when the books arrive. We will contact the Walmart Warehouse and see if they are willing to participate in the presentation.

New CORE FCC system, Club Call sign, FRN number - Bob Gass (N4FV): Bob will begin working with Bryan to resolve of the items that need to be done to update CORE with the necessary club information. Email and address info. Are key pieces.

Scott provided to the Club a proclamation from the State of Tennessee for Amateur Radio Operators day. Larry will try to get it scanned and put up on the web site.

Training presentation at the October meeting: Larry White (AG4OB) has agreed to provide a session on Passing Traffic. There was discussion about holding that meeting at the Greeneville County Makers space but it will cost \$20 to hold the meeting. It appeared there was consensus to hold the October meeting at the Makers space. Larry provided two handouts, one was a long version and the second one was short version.

Sky-warn meeting: Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) reported that he attended the Saturday July 30th evening meeting of the Sky-Warn District 7 group. Six peopled attended and there was discussion on how to get the weather alerts out the group members quickly. Weather radio is quite slow and there are other options to notify members of the active weather. It was suggested members sign up for <https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov/> for messages from the National Weather Service. They are trying to determine if they could get funds for some pagers. Some already use <https://discord.com/> as a method.

Tower equipment replacement options: Bryan was asked to research what it would cost to upgrade and replace our equipment at the tower. He provided a list of items that he obtained from several venders, not including power supplies, controllers, or coax cables.

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More equipment from Doyle Edmondson N4VV SK: Bob Gass has a 680 model vertical antenna that appears that it was barely used and is thinking that all the parts are there that was from Doyle's estate. Ian suggested that the club purchase it and provide the money to Zelma. Club will pay \$50 for the antenna and make the antenna available as prize in 2023. Two other club members provided funds for items purchased from Doyle's estate that they had not paid for from field-day. They provided an additional \$55. The club will be sending a check to Zelma Edmondson for \$105.00 for the items.

4. Roundtable

Meeting adjourned time: 20:35