

AJARC

Meeting Minutes November 1st, 2022 (Corrected)

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

Present: 23 Members, 2 Guests, Ian Bible (KE4EAC)-President, Scott Bird (KM4FYJ)-Vice President and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: December 6th, 2022 7PM, TBD.

Meeting

The meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Abner Richards.

1. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report: Deposits of \$98.30 (\$46.06 in dues, ~\$2.24 interest from APEX Bank, \$50 from the Center for Earthquake Research and Information - CETI, for electricity at tower). Expenses totaled \$180.15 (GLPS of \$34.00, 104.15 for flowers for Ray Elliott KE4IMW, SK, and \$76.00 Charlie Flint, field day expenses). Checking balance as of October 31, 2022 is \$13,136.61. For the year, we have received \$43.81 from the Amazon Smiles program. Currently have 48 members, 16 members would be quorum. Just a note that we sent flowers to Ray Elliott's family. STEM project: Nothing has been submitted for payment for the grant.

Please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site. 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.

2. Old business:

Hamfest 2023 (April 15th): No information other than we need to get food truck or coffee truck lined up.

Towers/ repeaters: Repair party still needs to be rescheduled. Ian Bible (KE4EAC) and Steve Bible (N4HPR) did go up to the tower on October 22nd and made some repairs to the flashing and worked on the door sweep to stop the snow. They didn't see any sign of rodent activity. I was noted that there is rat poison in the bucket. It was noted that the side walls are really in bad shape.

Steve Bible (N4HPR) noted that there are restoration groups that work on historic fire towers. Bryan Smith (W2BRN) noted that he researched them last year for money but they do require that towers that they work on to become public spaces for viewing from towers. If we worked on getting funding, it might require club to relocate the equipment at the base in a secured cabinet. More to come.

Nominations Committee for 2023 Allie Peet (AA6IM), Mark Slem (N4MRK, absent from meeting) and Abner Richards (K4MIK): Committee reported that they have three candidates for president, vice-president and sec/treasurer. They are Bryan Smith (W2BRN) for President, Joe Bowman (N4JAB) for Vice President, and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) for Secretary Treasurer. President opened of the floor for other nominations. Ian and Scott both added their names to the list of candidates. There was then a motion to accept names presented by the nominations committee, and those offered up from the floor. Allie Peet (AA4IM) made a motion, and it was seconded by Bob Lewis (N4SCK). Vote was made to accept all of the names for the next meeting for the election. Ballot will include Bryan Smith (W2BRN), Ian Bible (KE4EAC) for president, Joe Bowman (N4JAB) and Scott Bird (KM4FYJ) for vice-president, and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) for sec/treasurer position.

AJARC W4WC Trustee, CORE FCC system, Club Call sign, and FRN number - Bryan Smith (W2BRN) is the new trustee as all the paperwork has been submitted. Email forwarding has been created and is in place with an email of W4WC@AJARC.ORG. Larry (KN4MVH) asked of Bryan could send him a copy of the official paperwork on the change.

Christmas meeting: Bryan confirmed that the Trinity Church has been reserved for the Dec 6th meeting. Bryan stated he would double check it again. That meeting would start at 7pm. Dirty Santa rules are on the web site. Gifts up to \$15 dollars. There was some discussion about plates and other paper products. We will need to check with Charlie if he has anything left from field day.

STEM project Steve Bible (N7HPR) update: Steve reported that most likely the classes will resume after the holidays. Some of the children and parents from the original pilot to want to attend the official course as part of the grant.

Next there was a continued discussion which was a carryover the last meeting on ARRL Foundation Grant:

Bob Gass (N4FV) expressed his initial concern about the grant.

Eddie Barker (KO4EVE) raised concerns about the why we submitted the proposal with no vote. There was discussion by other club members in response that there was discussion at several meetings leading up to the submission. The deadline was the end of June. Eddie also asked about who is creating the lesson plan. Steve responded that he was.

Bob (N4FV) provided additional comments and concerns from two club members not present tonight that we didn't officially approve submitting on behalf of the club and they didn't see the final contract that was signed by the club. Larry Whiteside provided a copy of the final signed contract with ARRL Foundation that we finally received back from them to Bob. Several club members wanted to see all of the officially submitted grant proposal. Larry (KN4MVH) stated that he would put up on the website. Bob was also concerned about children attending a second time and what the goal was: "to teach to pass the tech license or to learn concepts". Steve pointed out that the first class was a pilot and not part of the grant. The pilot was to learn about what may be needed to for the official class.

Bryan Smith (W2BRN) was concerned about 4 items related to the grant: 1)The club credibility should we fail to deliver on what the club agreed to in the contract, 2)who was managing the project, 3)concerns over the publicity that were are now really on the radar to succeed, and 4) what are the risks/milestones. Larry Whiteside stated at part of the grant, there was a list of initial milestones developed and those would also be put on the web site.

Ian made a point that if the club wanted to, we could return the monies as none of it has been spent. Bryan stated that he didn't want to see that happen.

Wade Coffee (K3WLC) also expressed concerns on the project.

Lindsay Peet (N4AUM) provided some comments about the grant and the clubs past discussions at prior meetings.

Bob Etheridge (KM4EBZ) made a **motion for the club to officially participate on the grant and to accept for N7HPR the role to oversee the project**. There was second from Robert Kricko (KK4HAC). There was a vote by hand, motion passed, two people voted no.

Wade Coffee (K3WLC) also expressed concerns that there needs to be some oversight to monitor progress and the goals of the project.

Dennis Holt (N4DWH) also expressed concerns that there needs to be a risk plan and concerns of lesson plans.

Ian Bible stated that it is time to form an education committee that may help with this and other projects going forward. As club president, Article III, Section 1 of the constitution states the president is to be chairman of an education committee. Ian then asked for club members who would like to be on the education committee. The following people volunteered to be on the Committee with Ian: Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH), Steve Bible (N7HPR), **Bob Etheredge (KM4EBZ) (Corrected)** and Chris Gass (N4CAG).

3. New Business

One of the club members asked why we don't read the minutes from the last meeting. Larry Whiteside stated that in the past, maybe three years ago, it was dropped because the minutes from the last meetings are published on-line after each meeting. It was dropped as most club members had no changes or comments and felt we could dispense from the reading of them. Larry stated that he would start reading them at the meetings if everyone wants to hear them in the future.

4. Roundtable

Steve KJ4EOC made a motion for the meeting to end.

Meeting adjourned time: 20:45