

# AJARC

## Meeting Minutes April 4<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Location: Greene County Fair Grounds

Present: 22 Members, 2 guest, Bryan Smith (AA4BS)-President, Joe Bowman (N4JAB)-Vice President, and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room

### Meeting

The meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer led by Larry White (AG4OB).

#### 1. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside Recap of decisions/motions from the last meeting.

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report: Deposits of \$293.02 (\$143.07 dues, \$149.03 donation for antenna, .92 cents in interest from APEX Bank), Expenses totaled \$3248.87 (GLPS of \$33.00, ARRL Foundation \$3215.87). Checking balance as of March 31, 2023 is \$9855.66 of which \$2,534.13 is earmarked for ARRLF grant project, leaving operating funds of \$7,320.61. Currently, we have 61 members, 20 members would be quorum. Eighth memberships have expired as a March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We have not gotten a checking account debt card. Bank stated that we would have to modify the account to just required one signature which both Bryan and myself was not a good option.

Five checks were written against the earmarked fund for the ARRL Foundation Grants totaling 3,215.87 of which \$1,225.92 to Steve Bible (N7HPR), \$1,900 to Publix for Gift cards to be used at Amazon for initial purchases. Amazon for \$89.95. This was approved at the last meeting. With payments to date, we will have \$2,534.13 left in the budget for the project.

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](mailto:KN4MVH@gmail.com). Minutes are on the website for review.

There was a motion to accept the minutes highlights from the last meeting and the treasurer's report by Kyle Fortenberry (AE4DF), and seconded by Larry White (AG4OB). Passed.

#### 2. Old business:

*Hamfest 2023 (April 15<sup>th</sup>):* We have ARRL sponsorship. We have acquired donated door prizes from DX Engineering (\$100 gift Certificate), ARRL Certificates (3), and a number of items from MFJ (\$214.65 value). Walk through of site. Skywarn District 7 volunteers will be attending and have a booth. We also have donations from Alpha Antenna for door prizes. Bryan reported that he has the contract, liability insurance certificate info for the fairgrounds. We are renting the building and have several donations to help cover the cost of the building. There will be several radio clubs, ARRL representatives, and Steven Bible (N7HPR) will have a booth for the ARRLF Grant. Dillinger's Coffee and "I don't Care Kitchen" food trucks will be attending. Bryan discussed the planned layout for the food, tower trailer, and where the HQ will be in the building. Be sure to wear your vests, setup Friday afternoon, food trucks will set up Saturday morning. Will need popup tents and will use PA Systems. Testing will be on the stage.

Hamfest chairman report -Bob Etheridge report:

*Note: Bryan Smith (AA4BS) had to leave to work a show at NPAC. 19:20*

*Towers / repeaters:* No one has been up there to work or to check out current condition of the tower.

*Education Committee Bryan Smith (AA4BS):* next meeting is not scheduled. We have a draft MOU that has been shown to Peter at Makers Space

ARRL Foundation Grant Status Report (Steven Bible-N7HPR): Steve reported on the number of people expected to test, thinking it might be as many as 20 people. A soldering class will be held April 12 from 6pm-9pm. There is a lot of interest in it. Next week, the kids will be having a review session as prep for the exam.

VFW Johnson City communication equipment:

Bryan Smith (AA\$BS) status of Dan Freeman: Larry White was asked and said he has not heard from Dan Freeman so he doesn't know that he has decided to do.

VOTA W1AW/4: Joe, Kyle, David Houser (and his grandson), Dennis Holt, and others reported that bad band conditions really impacted the number of contacts made. We will have another opportunity in the fall.

*Science Alliance* event March 24<sup>th</sup> Beth Bulawa (W8DOC): Larry White and Joe participated from home talking with the kids. This year they only had 10 minutes with each group. Kids seemed to enjoy and learned a lot from the event.

*Bike Ride event – Bryan Smith (AA4BS) / David Houser (WA9OTP):* May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Asset Tags discussion: Bryan has some and they cost \$3 for 30 tags. We are thinking about 100 to 300 tags to put on equipment. No action taken.

### **3. New Business**

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH), sec/Treasure is asking for a motion to approve the final purchases of items for the ARRL Foundation grant for equipment from list provided by Steve. This will total about \$2,534.13 (estimate). During this request, there was discussion about MOU and it was a suggestion by Chris Gass (N4CAG) that we hold off on the final purchases until the MOU has been agreed to. **Larry White (AG4OB) made a motion that stated that once the education committee is ok with the MOU, that they could then authorize the purchases for the remainder of the equipment for the ARRL F project. Ralph Bible (K4MIJJ) seconded, and it passed.** Nothing was said about bringing MOU to the membership.

[SKYWARN update:](#) Erik McCord, District 7 Coordinator is seeking a volunteer to take on the position of Greene County Coordinator. The NWS will soon begin allowing volunteers from Lakeway Amateur Radio Club to staff the MRX station. SKYWARN District 7 recently created a subnet which occurs on Friday evenings for Washington County only and then is followed by the District 7 SKYWARN net at 8pm. District 7 SKYWARN covers Carter, Greene, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington Counties. (<https://etskywarn.com/about/district7>)

Decals by Bryan Smith: Bryan had some decals printed at his own expense wanted us to ask if the club wanted to get more of them and sell them. They cost \$2 a piece. A quick poll was done on if people would buy them and

everyone stated they were interested. Bob Etheredge (KM4EBZ) made a motion and it was seconded by Chris Gass (N4CAG) that we purchase up to 50 and sell them for \$5.00 apiece. Motion passed.

#### **4. Roundtable**

Motion to adjourn by Larry White  
Meeting adjourned time: 19:55

Presentation by David Houser on power supplies and what the differences can be with the various types of power supplies.