

# AJARC

## Meeting Minutes May 2nd, 2023

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 22 Members, 2 guests, Bryan Smith (AA4BS)-President and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room

### Meeting

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

#### 1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

#### 2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside Recap of decisions/motions from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report: Deposits of \$4919.09 + interest (\$177.09 dues, \$697.00 donations/decal sales, \$4,045 from Hamfest, .93cents in interest from APEX Bank), Expenses totaled \$1,733(GEA of \$33.00, Ham Fest gate cash \$800, fairgrounds \$660, flyers \$50, tickets \$190). **Checking balance as of April 30, 2023 is \$13,281.75 of which \$2,534.13 is earmarked for ARRLF grant project, leaving operating funds of \$10747.72.** We are waiting on two checks to clear for \$190 and \$50.00. Currently, we have 62 members, 21 members would be quorum. Six members need to renew their memberships. We received \$250 donation from Walmart as part of their Spark Good round up program. I will discuss later in the old business section.

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.

I filed on April 4<sup>th</sup> the necessary Tenn. Division of Business and Charitable Organizations Department of State paperwork to renew our charitable status. It was approved on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Website won't show it renewed until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **Kyle (AE4DF) made a motion to accept the Sec/Treasurers report, it was seconded by Steve (KJ4EOC), motion passed.**

#### 3. Old business:

*Hamfest 2023 (April 15<sup>th</sup>):* Report from Sec Larry Whiteside. The HamFest bank deposits totaled \$4045.00. Total receipts plus donations totaled \$4485. When we returned the \$800 back to the club for the gate monies, final revenues including cash donations totaled \$3685.00. Expenses totaled \$1304 including fairgrounds \$660, door prizes \$299, 1000 new tickets \$190 and flyers \$155). Profit from the Hamfest was \$2,381.00.

Other HamFest numbers: We had cash donations of \$440 (\$10 at the gate, \$330 for Commercial building from an anonymous source, and a second \$100 donation from a club member for the commercial building at the April meeting).

We had 271 tickets sold at the door (two were given away on the Dixie traders, we had 18 paid spaces purchased in the commercial building. There were 6 spaces that went free to Radio Clubs/ARRL and Skywarn groups, and one space was canceled. Fourteen tables were rented. From what I can estimate from ticket stubs, there were at least 35 flea market spaces but guess there were more but they didn't submit their ticket stubs for the door prizes. (This is still the weakest element of Hamfest, the tracking is the actual number of flea market spaces rented.) The cost

for the liability insurance is considered an administrative cost to the club and not part of the HamFest budget. Dillinger's Coffee and "I don't Care Kitchen" food trucks attended. We had two people camp overnight this year. In order to make change at the main gate, seed cash was withdraw the club checking account totaling of \$800 broken up into (\$400 in five dollar bills and \$400 in ten dollar bills). I didn't need to open up two bundles of \$10 and two of bundles of \$5 but I would suggest we continue to take out that much money should there be a need to make change at the gate.

We had \$1038.35 (retail value) in door prizes donated. We acquired donated door prizes from DX Engineering (\$100 gift Certificate), ARRL Certificates (three for a total of \$100), and a number of items from MFJ (\$214.65 value). Alpha Antenna donated five \$100 gift certificates and we received six books totaling \$123.70 from Easywayhambooks.com. Satellite Sam donated 20 DVD's. **Larry (AG4OB) made a motion to accept Hamfest report, it was seconded by Robert (KM4EBZ), motion passed.**

*Towers / repeaters:* Bob (N4FV) reported that he and Dennis (N4DWH) did visit the mountain, and reported that some shingles had some damage, there is a real need for a trip up to the tower to finish the roof. Side walls are in need to be replaced and or painted. The backup 2m antenna has been damaged and needs to be repaired.

*Education Committee Bryan Smith (AA4BS):* MOU and signoff on last Grant Purchases. There is a need to get the MOU signed and we need to schedule the next meeting.

ARRL Foundation Grant Status Report (Steven Bible-N7HPR): Steve reported that the next set of classes should be starting up in July. One person from the spring classes received the tech license. Next event is on May 10<sup>th</sup> and it's about Fritzing circuit boards. (6pm). Steve reported that he met with someone from Niswanger Foundation who is working on their \$8 million dollar STEM grant project and he has a follow up meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with them to learn more about their efforts and to share what we have learned. The Seville VFW is also interested in learning more about our grant and how they can do something similar.

VFW Johnson City communication equipment: Bryan (AA4BS) reported that later this month (May) he will schedule a follow up meeting with them as a site visit. Eddie (KO4EVE) wants to be included in the meeting as does other members.

Bryan Smith (AA4BS) status of Dan Freeman: Larry White has heard nothing but wants to leave this as agenda item for the next meeting.

*Bike Ride event – Bryan Smith (AA4BS) / David Houser (WA9OTP):* May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Reported that they will need 12 operators for the event. Three routes, 20 mile, 40 mile and 60 mile loops and will take up to 4 hours. More information to come. The event is being called BRAGCO (Bike Ride Around Greene County).

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. Order has been placed for the tags.

Decals by Bryan Smith: Three decals were sold after the last meeting at \$5 apiece (\$15 deposited). More have been ordered and waiting to pick up.

Sparkgood Walmart Round-up Program (Larry Whiteside KN4MVH): Several months ago I mentioned a Walmart Round up program and if we registered early on, we might receive a donation, which I did on behalf of AJARC. I received an email from Walmart stating that AJARC was one of first 2000 groups to register for the round up program so we received Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, a \$250 donation from Walmart. Several club members reported that they have signed up for the roundup program.

#### 4. New Business

Field day - June 24-25, 2023: Larry Whiteside reports that Pavilion #3 has been reserved already. Bryan reported they are planning to do a trip to the park to check for RF. Charlie reported it has been a bit harder to get donations for food. **There was some discussion on if we should buy food with the club money to feed everyone for some part of field. Chris (N4CAG) made a seconded by Larry (AG4OB) that we spend up to \$400 for food for the event. Motion passed.** There are new rules for the field day and they are to make it easier to people on the air. Eddie (KO4EVE) is going to cook a brisket for the event.

Liability Insurance renewal - Larry Whiteside: I would like to purchase the liability insurance (which costs \$200) again which is made available through ARRL to Affiliate Clubs. Last year, I needed to pay for it with my credit card and then have the club reimburse me. **There was a motion by Ian (KE4EAC) to let Larry Whiteside pay for the liability insurance with his own credit card and that the club would reimburse him for the cost. It was seconded by Larry (AG4OB), motion passed.**

Generators on the tower trailer: Joe, Bryan and others reported that the two generators are not working and need to be repaired. **There was a motion by Larry (AG4OB) and seconded by Ian (KE4EAC) that we repair the two generators and sell them. They are old technology and we can use newer quieter and more powerful units. Motion passed.**

**There was a second motion by Wade (K3WLC) and seconded by Larry (AG4OC) that we spend up to \$3,000 to purchase a new one using our 501c3 tax exemption to replace the two generators. Motion passed.**

#### 5. Roundtable

Motion to adjourn by Larry (AG4OB)  
Meeting adjourned time: 19:55