

AJARC

Meeting Minutes June 6th, 2023

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 32Members, 1 guests, Bryan Smith (AA4BS)-President and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: Thursday July 6th, 2023 19:00, To be determined (might be Old Oak Tap Room)

Meeting

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

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside Recap of decisions/motions from the May 2nd meeting.

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report:

Deposits: \$133.77 (\$70.06 Dues, \$1.00 donations, \$35 decal sales, 1.11 in interest from APEX Bank, \$26.60 Amazon Smiles program)

Expenses totaled \$590.50(GEA of \$33.00, Liability Insurance \$200, Decals \$117, Tickets \$190, Hamfest Flyers \$50).

Checking balance: May 31, 2023 is \$12825.95

Note that \$2,534.13 is earmarked for ARRLF grant project, leaving operating funds of \$10290.71. Currently, we have 66 members, 22 members would be quorum. Nine members need to renew their memberships. I was surprised that we did receive another payment from the Amazon Smiles program. This one was for \$20.66. This year, we received \$20.60 from their program.

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

3. Old business:

Towers / repeaters: Bob (N4FV)/Dennis (N4DWH)/Bryan (AA4BS): Bryan reported that the 440 repeater was down as were all the others, they went to the tower and found the problem, restored all but the 440 unit and bought it down for repairs. It lost its flash memory in part of the unit. Fixed it and will be returning it on Saturday June 10th, 2023.

Educational Committee Bryan Smith (AA4BS): Meeting set for June 9th at 530 at NPAC. This is to finalize MOU, discuss the next steps on the classes, authorize the spending of last of grant funds, and to discuss other projects, programs and community activities.

ARRL Foundation Grant Status Report (Steven Bible-N7HPR): Anna (KQ4IVQ) and Josh (KQ4IVR) passed their tech exams. Hope you saw the video. Steve reported that he met a second time with The Niswonger Foundation after the initial meeting that he had with them. The Niswonger Foundation is interested in the amateur radio program as a STEM activity. (Note: it was reported at last month's meeting that he met with them for the first time.) The Foundation is presently working on a STEM.LD grant and working with rural schools in East TN. He reported that the next set of classes will be starting after field day most likely July 6th. Steve will be teaching a class at the Niswonger Foundation sponsored CareerConnect this July. Steve also reported that the two boys (Hayden and

Holden) completed their project from the two Electronics meetups (April was soldering and June was Fritzing). The next Electronics Meetup will be Wednesday, July 14th, with the topic of Servo Motors.

VFW Johnson City communication equipment: Bryan (AA4BS) reported that after Field day we will be getting with them about this project. They have been acquiring more equipment and other items to equipment their communications room.

Bike Ride event – Bryan Smith (AA4BS) / David Houser (WA9OTP): Ten people participated with the Greeneville Partnership on this event. Great learning experience about coordinating and staffing the net control. This is what ham radio is about, working in the community and participating testing and improving our skills. The crew learned about some HT issues with some dead zones. Event sponsors were very glad that we helped them out on the project. Provided valuable communication when the event lead organizer's cell phone battery died.

Asset Tags / Decals by Bryan Smith: nothing commented on this

Liability Insurance renewal: Larry Whiteside: It has been renewed for 2023-24 at a cost of \$200 through ARRL Club Affiliation program. We budget it as an administrative cost so that it doesn't impact any of our programs costs.

Status of new generator and replacement of the old ones: Bryan and Joe will be getting the new generator this week.

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. **Discussion on menu and what we are going to be buying and serving.** 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. Bryan (AA4BS) will be shopping in the next few weeks to get the supplies for the meals. Bryan stated that he is willing to do several Facebook live broadcast during the event. James (KE4KKI) provided the posters to distribute, also purchased pins for the event. Steve (N7HPR) is going to help youth field day activities with the kids and maybe doing some satellite contacts depending on their locations. There are new rules on automated modes. Set up is at 8am. Bryan (AA4BS), Chris (N4CAG) and Ralph (K4MIJ) will be safety officers. Larry White (AG4OB) will get the W1AW bulletin. Bryan will bring his bucket truck which should ease the setup of the second beam antenna.

New Business

USFS Meeting on the use permit: We have finally have been able to make a contact with the USFS staff out of Mars Hill NC office. The meeting is set for Friday, June 16th at noon. They want to visit the Fire Tower and do an assessment of the equipment in the facility. Bryan (AA4BS) and Larry W (KN4MVH) are planning on attending. Bryan is going to be buying a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher for the fire tower and the tower trailer. John Parker from the CERU University of Memphis will be attending the meeting too.

Nomination committee per Bylaws/Constitution: President needs to be appointed committee and then they need to report back by October, for the elections to be held in November. Bryan accepted the following volunteers to be on the nomination committee: Larry White (AG4OB), Kyle Fortenberry (AE4DF) and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)

July meeting: The first Tuesday is on the July 4th. When should we meet? Decision was made to cancel the July 4th meeting and call a special meeting on July 6th at 7pm. Location to be determined.

Fall swap meet discussion: Date/Marketing the event. No decision on this yet

Skywarn: Anyone interested in being the Greene County Coordinator to represent use with the District 7 Skywarn group? Bryan asked again about if anyone is interested in being the Greene County Coordinator for District 7.

TN Department of Revenue Taxation of Nonprofit Organizations WEB event: Larry (KN4MVH) attended May 30th WebEx meeting. Larry reported that we are doing things the right way, there is a [new booklet](#) by the TN Dept. of Revenue about Non-profits. Big thing is that if you sell tickets using another firm like ticket master or some other ticketing company, you need to collect sales tax. If you sell your tickets yourself and have control over the facility, you don't need to collect sales tax. Need to be careful when selling stuff all year long rather than selling at a defined event or time frame.

4. Roundtable

Motion to adjourn by Kyle (AE4DF)

Meeting adjourned time: 20:15