

AJARC

Meeting Minutes August 1, 2023

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 19 Members, 1 Guest,

Bryan Smith (AA4BS)-President, Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room

Meeting

The meeting started at 19:00, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer led by Bryan Smith (AA4BS).

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside - Recap of decisions/motions from the July meeting. (Motion to buy power supplies and gate for Repeaters, we chose a date for fall swap meet (October 7th), and the use of the tower trailer for the Skeeter Hunt on August 27th by club members).

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report: **Checking balance: July 31, 2023 is \$7,054.40**

Deposits: \$0.63 (0.63 interest from APEX Bank)

Expenses totaled \$607.51 (GEA of \$30.00, \$32.16 Go Daddy URL Hamfest, \$459.85 repeater equipment DX Engineering, \$85.50 City Electrical-10 rolls Tape). Currently, we have 68 members, 23 members would be quorum. Six members need to renew their memberships. 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.

Asset Tags: All of the tagging has been done for the ARRL F equipment at the Greeneville Makers Space. Need to do the equipment at the fire tower and equipment that is in the possession of club members.

3. Old business:

Towers / repeaters Committee: Bob (N4FV) provided an estimated price for the Hustler replacement upper phasing coils for the backup 2m antenna part. It would be \$68.99. It would be a special order with a delivery date of October. It would be ordered from DX Engineering. There was a motion by Kyle (AE4DF), seconded by Elisha (W4ECW) to purchase the parts for the backup 2m antenna for the tower, motion passed. We ordered WMT-battery backup switch (\$139.95) and two Switching power supplies (\$159.95 each) (Total costs :\$459.85) from DX Engineering using tax exempt status to get the 6m and other equipment configured and up and running again. Bryan reported that they had a number of visitors during the day that they worked at the tower. Bob reported that we need to work on the camera connections at the tower. Tower work party date set for September 9/10 with the rain date of Sept 16/17 as the alternate date. Bryan wants to test load the tower battery during the work party to check its status.

Educational Committee (Bryan Smith (AA4BS), Ian Bible (KE4EAC), Steve Bible (N7HPR) , Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH), Bob Etheridge (KM4EBZ), Chris Gass(N4CAG): Need to schedule a meetin.

ARRL Foundation Grant Status Report (Steven Bible-N7HPR): Steve reported that the new ham radio classes have started. He reported that working with Walter State and others, looks like he will be working on the TAG program in January 2024, the 2024 youth Summer Camp and the most exciting thing is the Teacher Professional Development program for 2024. Working on the final report which is required as part of the grant.

VFW Johnson City communication equipment: Bryan (AA4BS) reported that they are planning to visit them on Monday, August 7th but still waiting confirmation.

USFS Meeting on the use permit: Bryan and Larry have been pulling together items to provide to them.

Fall swap meet discussion: Discussion centered on October 7th, 2023 for the event and Bryan will reach out to school about the availability of the facility. Bryan hopes to hear back from the School staff once they are back in session.

Nomination committee (Larry White (AG4OB), Kyle Fortenberry (AE4DF) and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH): We have not met yet.

4. New Business

There was some discussion that there is some club equipment as part of the EMS in storage, and Larry needs to get with Scott (KM4FYI) to tag them. Ian (KE4EAC) has the Fox Football, Bryan has the two foxes, there is an ARC Controller that Bob (N4FV) has in his possession, there is an Omni Tek tuner, Mic and UVE system in club members possession that still need to be tagged.

5. Roundtable

Motion to adjourn by: Ralph (K4MIJ)

Meeting adjourned time: 19:55