

AJARC

Meeting Minutes September 5th, 2023

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 24 Members, 0 Guest,

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room

Meeting

The meeting started at 19:00, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Abner Richards (K4MIK).

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside - Recap of decisions/motions from the August meeting. (There was one motion made to buy the spare parts for the backup 2m antenna. Tower work party is scheduled for Sept 9/10 with rain back-up date of Sept 16/17.

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report: **Checking balance: August 31, 2023 is \$7,000.08**

Deposits: \$59.62 (0.59 interest from APEX Bank, \$59.03 dues one family and one person)

Expenses totaled \$113.94 (GEA of \$31.00, \$82.94 to DX Engineering.).

Membership: 69 members and 23 members would be quorum. Two 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: Need to place tags on equipment in storage, and in the possession of club members. There was some discussion at the last meeting about EMS equipment in storage Scott (KM4FYI), Steven Bible (N7HPR) has the Foxl, Bryan has the two foxes, there is an ARC Controller that Bob (N4FV) has in his possession, and there is an Omni Tek tuner, Mic and UVE system.

Sec/Treasurer ordered the coil for the 2m backup antenna 82.94 (\$68.99 plus shipping) which was a special order item DX Engineering. Part is expected any day.

Ian Bible has presented a receipt for his payment for web services back-up for the AJARC.org site from ServMask for \$69.00 and I will be paying it this week to him.

3. Old business:

Towers / repeaters Committee: 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. Objectives are to replace some walkway shingles, tack down some loose roof shingles, wire new cameras, install new Sondehub receiver for weather balloons and antenna, and fix some noise issues.

Educational Committee (Bryan Smith (AA4BS), Ian Bible (KE4EAC), Steven Bible-N7HPR), Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH), Bob Etheridge (KM4EBZ), and Chris Gass (N4CAG): No meeting scheduled yet.

ARRL Foundation Grant Status Report (Steven Bible-N7HPR): Larry and Steve audited all the invoices/expenses and found we still needed to spend \$48.59 so Larry ordered one more electronics Snap Circuit kits at \$85.99 plus tax (\$94.37) on his account. Larry Whiteside donated \$45.78 toward for the final purchase so the books balance for the expenses for the grant showing all the money has been spent and that we didn't overspend with the donation by Whiteside. Steve reported that the 3rd set of classes have been completed and next Electronics meet up is Sept 13th to continue work on Servo Motors programming. Had 14 people at the last meetup. Walter State Talented Kids program will be on 4 Saturdays in Jan-Feb, for kid's grades 5th-8th from 9am -3pm. There will be a summer camp that are 4 days long in 2024. More information to be provided.

VFW Johnson City communication equipment: Bryan (AA4BS) and their club members did a site visit on August 14th. Their volunteers have chosen a location for their tower, tilt mounting brackets and pad location to install. They have a beam, rotator and coax from what we were told. Most likely, they will install an end fed wire too given they have some really tall trees which would be great. They need to drill and install PVC access feed points through a concrete wall to run coax and possible back up power feeds. They will add a fence around the tower to keep access limited unwanted climbers.

USFS Meeting on the use permit: Bryan and Larry to report, Bryan is still working on an excel file that USFS requested about the equipment at the tower. He and Joe spent a day at the tower collecting information for the report.

Fall swap meet discussion: Canceled given we have not heard back from Greeneville Schools and the time is too short to promote the event.

Nomination committee Larry White (AG4OB), Kyle Fortenberry (AE4DF) and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH): The Nominations Committee met on August 23 at the Harvest Family restaurant. Helen White (KI4AQC) also attended the meeting. The committee members chose Larry Whiteside to be chairperson to report out the results. We currently have three names on our list of candidates for the leadership rolls. Officially, the committee is to report back to the club membership at the October meeting and provide the names of those seeking leadership positions. At the October meeting, a final list of all the possible candidates need to be presented. (Based on Bylaws / Constitution). If there are people who would like to consider a leadership position, please contact the committee members to express your interest in a position so that you can be added to the slate of candidates.

Skywarn District 7 Meeting: Larry (KN4MVH) attended the August 26th meeting. Eight people attended. Biggest discussion item was their website which has been an ongoing issue. There was discussion about getting a Greene County coordinator and holding a subnet prior to the regular 8pm Friday night Skywarn net. One thing they pointed out is that if Greene County gets a coordinator, it would allow us to activate prior to the whole District 7 activation and would allow Greene County to be ready should storms approach too fast for NWS to announce warning for the entire District. That net would have to be on another repeater other than the Carter County's repeater. Matt (K4MBD) and Bob (KM4EBZ) expressed an interest in getting a training session in our area.

Tower/Trailer, Joe (N4JAB): At the May meeting, when the discussion/decision was made to replace the two generators, it was discussed that the two generators would be repaired then sold. There was a motion passed to

make the repairs and then sell them. One club member has expressed an interest in buying one of the generators. Joe is currently housing them at his home.

4. New Business

W1AW activation schedule by AJARC: Bryan (AA4BS) presented the times and hours that we have and sought signups to work as W1AW/4. He stated that he would post something on Facebook.

5. Roundtable

Monday Night Net: Two club members suggested that we move the Monday night net to an earlier time. There was a motion to move it to either 8pm or 7pm. There was no second, and after some discussion it was decided to table the item until the next meeting after we have a chance to discuss with Larry (AG4OB) given he is the primary net control person for the Monday night nets.

Communications on the repeater: Bill (KN4N) brought up an issue about people talking too fast on the repeater making it hard to capture people's call signs. Bill asked if people could just slow down when they give their call signs.

Motion to adjourn by: Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)
Meeting adjourned time: 19:40