

AJARC

Meeting Minutes October 3rd, 2023

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 25 Members, 0 Guests,

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room

Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 19:00, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer led by Larry (AG4OB).

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside - Recap of decisions/motions from the September meeting. There was one Item tabled from the last meeting included a motion to change the time of the Monday night Net.

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report: **Checking balance: September 30, 2023 is \$6,958.65**

Deposits: \$60.57 (0.57 interest from APEX Bank, \$5 decal donation, \$5.00 donation from Spark program at Walmart, \$50 from University of Memphis Energy MOU payment.)

Expenses totaled \$33.00 (GEA).

Membership: 69 members and 23 members would be quorum. One member need to renew. 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: Following up on tags on equipment in storage, and in the possession of club members. Larry (KN4MVH) met with Scott Bird (KM4FYI) and tagged 28 pieces of equipment related the EMA that are in Scott's possession at this time. An excel table was created and provided to Scott and a copy of the file is with the Sec/Treasurer. We also took pictures of nearly all of the pieces of equipment. Steven Bible (N7HPR) met with Larry at the Makers Space and tagged the Fox he had along with a Magnet training kit which has been used with the classes. Larry tagged the two Bionic Foxes Bryan in possession. Larry has a list of club equipment in the fire tower which was provided by Bryan Smith. Tags have been provided to Bryan so he can place them on the gear next time he is at the tower. Tag numbers have been assigned to the equipment in Bob Gass (N4FV) possession and provided to him to place on the gear.

3. Old business:

Towers / repeaters Committee: Tower work party report by Bryan (AA4BS). Bryan reported that they cleaned up some lose razor wire and LM400 which resulted a clearer signal on the 2 m repeater. The 6m radio has been repaired and requires a trip to the tower to reinstall it.

Educational Committee (Bryan Smith (AA4BS), Ian Bible (KE4EAC), and Steven Bible-N7HPR), Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH), Bob Etheridge (KM4EBZ), and Chris Gass (N4CAG): We met on August 28th and reviewed the final report on the foundation grant and heard from Steve (N7HPR) on what is ahead for the training and education programs.

ARRL Foundation Grant Status Report (Steven Bible-N7HPR): Final report has been written and will be pushed to the web site. Discussion on future activities, Wednesday events, TAG and summer camp events. Steve recapped upcoming programs in January and Feb on Saturdays and what the summer program over two weeks (Tuesday-

Friday in Morristown). He reported that there will be electronics meetups starting on Wednesdays at the Makers Space from 5-9pm and will open to anyone that wants to bring projects in to take on with the group. There will be some scheduled programs but for the most part, it will be for people to just bring in projects to discuss and tackle.

USFS use permit: Bryan and Larry to report that they have submitted all of the paperwork requested by the USFS including an extensive detailed excel table of all of our equipment. This was a new requirement by forest service. Now we wait. Still need to send them a set of keys. There was some discussion on who has keys. A quick survey reported that the following people have keys: Dennis Holt, Denny Dunn, Bryan Smith, Bob Gass, Ian Bible, Doyle Sweeney (just the walkway key). It was suggested that the Sec/Treasurer be given a set as a backup in case of emergencies. Sec currently has a set for the tower trailer.

Nomination committee Larry White (AG4OB), Kyle Fortenberry (AE4DF) and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH): The Nominations Committee met on August 23 at the Harvest Family restaurant. The committee members haven't heard from anyone else who may be interested in the positions. Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH), who was selected the chairperson of the committee at the August committee meeting, reported out that we currently have three names to nominate for leadership positions. They are: Bryan Smith (AA4BS) for President, Joe Bowman (N4JAB) for Vice-President, and Allie Peet (AA4IM) for Sec/Treasurer. The committee presents these names for the November election of officers and that they should be considered for the November ballot and be added to the agenda for the election which is required to take place at the November meeting. With this action, the duties of the nominations committee members have been fulfilled. Larry would like to thank the other members of the committee for their participation and thank those who are willing to take on leadership roles with the club. Kyle (AE4DF) made a motion to accept the recommendations, Wade (K3WLC) seconded the motion, and it passed. Names will be considered for the Nov. election of officers.

Skywarn District 7 Meeting: No report as no one attended the meeting on the Sept 30th.

Tower/Trailer, Joe (N4JAB): Bryan reported that Joe has the larger generator working but the smaller one will work with the assistance of starting fluid. Both generators were donated many years ago to the club. Larry (AG4OB) made a motion to sell them with club members being given first shot at buying them (\$300 for the big one, and \$100 for the small one), Wade (K3WLC) seconded the motion, and it passed. Scott Bird (KM4FYJ) stated he will buy the larger generator and Larry (AG4OB) will buy the smaller one. Scott noted that he has a dipole in the trailer triangle tool box that belongs to him.

W1AW activation participation by AJARC: Bryan (AA4BS) reported that the bands were very bad and has nearly all of the log sheets and will be submitting them.

Monday Night Net start time (tabled from the last meeting): There was a healthy discussion on the possible times, with several recommendations from 7pm, 8pm. Allie (AA4IM), Larry (AG4OB), other discussed the options and impact related to the TN Phone traffic net which could impact our members and their involvement in that net. The final recommendation was that we move to 8:30 as a test for a few months starting Nov-Dec then reassess in January. Motion was made that we Ian (KE4EAC), and was seconded by Steve (N7HPR), Motion passed. Larry (KN4MVH) will put some items on the web site and in social media about the upcoming change.

New Business:

Club business cards: Bryan discussed the options and it was recommend that we buy 500 card with maybe a QRC on the one side. Motion made to spend money by Scott (KM4FYJ) and seconded by Larry (AG4OB), motion passed. Bryon will follow-up on prices.

Work Party at the Makers space: Pulling Coax and antenna install. Steve (N7HPR) to follow up with Makers Space (Peter) and come up with possible dates and report back.

Ian (KE4EAC) suggested that the club should acquire PO Box for mail going forward. Bryan (AA4BS) presented an option of the UPS store box. Bryan will work on pricing and reporter back. Larry (KN4MVH) has been working to create of entities that will need to be notified of address/leadership changes. More to come at the next meeting.

Discussion on next meeting and holiday party. Bryan will touch about the pavilion at Old Oak in November and church for holiday party in December.

Roundtable:

David Houser reported that he has a 3d printer for sale for \$135 if anyone is interested.

Motion to adjourn by: Larry (AG4OB) made the motion

Meeting adjourned at: 19:47