

AJARC

Meeting Minutes November 7th, 2023

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 26 Members, 6 Guests, Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 19:00, Trinity United methodist Church at 524 Tusculum Blvd, Greeneville, TN 37745

Meeting

Meeting called to order by Larry Whiteside (Sec/Treasurer), followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer. Please remember James Stewart KE4KKI in your prayers as he became a Silent Key October 20, 2023.

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside - Recap of decisions/motions from the October meeting. There four actions that took place. The first was to accept the names from the nominations committee for the November election of officers. The second was to test a new starting time for the Monday night net at 8:30 pm and then revisit it in January. The third item was the purchasing of business cards. The final item was the decision to rent a mail box at the UPS Store for the club. New address is 1113 Tusculum Blvd, #152, Greeneville TN 37743.

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report: **Checking balance: October 31, 2023 is \$7252.14**

Deposits: \$635.16 (0.61 interest from APEX Bank, \$10 decal donation, equipment sale \$397.52 for two generators, Wal-Mart VAP donation \$180.00, dues 43.03)

Expenses totaled: \$341.67 (\$178 UPS Store for mailbox, \$32 GEA, flowers for James Stewart KE4KKI, \$131.67)

Membership: 58 members and 20 members would be quorum. Donations or renewal of memberships can be done through PayPal or by check. Please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site. Nine memberships expired during the first week of November 2023.

3. Old business:

Towers / repeaters Committee: Larry, Ian, Bobby, Bryan, Joe – Bobby had Bryan on phone/Facetime, and Bryan reported no chance to go up. Bryan to go up with repaired 6M transmitter when back from CA.

Educational Committee (Bryan Smith (AA4BS), Ian Bible (KE4EAC), and Steven Bible -N7HPR), Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH), Bob Etheridge (KM4EBZ), and Chris Gass (N4CAG): They have not met. Steven Bible reported on the TAG/Walter State January 2024 program, being held three Saturdays in Jan/1 Sat in Feb. Also Steve is getting the description for Walter State summer camp written up as well; due to them by end of first week of Nov (this week). Additionally, the Wed evening class at the Maker's Space, 310 S Cutler, 5-9 p, still going on with family of 5 working toward their test, and one ready to test for license. Finally, he reported that two additional classes planed to start early 2024 at Maker's Space: 1) A Build Shortwave radio class; and 2) A Build Music Synth class.

USFS use permit: Bryan and Larry submitted all of the paperwork requested by the USFS including an extensive detailed excel table of all of our equipment. Keys have also been provided to them as they requested. As of October 30th, the District Ranger and the US Forest Service Supervisors office are in discussions about the application. They stated that as soon they hear something, they will get back to us.

Skywarn District 7 Meeting: The next Skywarn in person meeting will be November 18th at 7pm at the Crossroads Christian Church, 1300 Suncrest Dr., Gray, Tn. Please note that they are also on Discord at:

<https://discord.gg/DEtKkFsJ>.

Tower/Trailer, Joe (N4JAB): Scott Bird (KM4FYJ) has paid \$300 for the bigger generator. Larry White (AG4OB) paid for the smaller generator.

Monday Night Net start time: How did the first night at 8:30 go? Larry White reported about 20-21 check-ins.

Club business cards: No word on if they have been ordered or designed yet. Bryan Smith reported by phone that he has a design ready and will work on this when he returns.

Work Party at the Makers space: Nothing planned yet.

New mailing address: A mail box has been rented at the UPS Store. Address is 1113 Tusculum Blvd, #152, Greeneville TN, 37745. The cost for the rent of the box for one year is \$178.

Holiday Party: Bryan has made the reservation at Trinity United Methodist Church at 524 Tusculum Blvd, Greeneville, TN 37745 for the December 5th Christmas party. Are we still going to be doing the "Dirty Santa" gift exchange? Please plan on bringing your favorite dish to pass. Bryan has some paper products left over from Field Day that he will be bringing. Larry White spoke to the "Dirty Santa", and asked for those interested to bring a wrapped generic gift. He let everyone know that the guidelines for this are on the website.

New Business:

Election of officers: The following three people are candidates for the AJARC Board of Directors: Bryan Smith (AA4BS) for President, Joe Bowman (N4JAB) for Vice-President, and Allie Peet (AA4IM) for Sec/Treasurer. They were presented at the October meeting by the Nomination committee for the leadership for 2024. Motion made to accept the full slate as presented, by Kyle. Larry White made the 2nd. The Motion passed.

Larry Whiteside spoke to the Letter from Club for banking purposes, and transition of the Sec/Treas duties, effective Jan 1, 2024.

Also, Elijah spoke words of acknowledgement and thanks, and asked all to give Larry Whiteside a round of applause for his many years of service to the club as Sec/Treas.

Bobby brought up that starting Oct 1, 2023, there's a requirement for the Repeater, for an Annual Certification and that at this meeting, we need to decide/designate an alternate contact to meet the deadline. It can be changed any time. Bobby made a motion, and Elijah 2nd, for Joe Bowman to be appointed as the alternate contact. Motion passed.

Final item, Larry White spoke about James, KG4KKI, and that James' sister gave Larry White all of the James' Field Day items. Larry White said that he will bring them for Field Day.

Roundtable:

Motion to adjourn by: Larry White

Meeting adjourned at: 7:52 pm