

# 1. AJARC

## Meeting Agenda January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Location: Old Oak Tap Room, 665 Erwin Hwy, Tusculum, Tn 37745

Present: 13 Members, 1 Guest, Bryan Smith (AA4BS),

Next meeting: Tuesday, February, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 19:00

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Meeting called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Larry Whiteside, KN4MVH.

### 2. Roll call of attendees/call signs

### 3. Secretary/Treasurer report

Outgoing Sec/Treasury, Larry Whiteside [KN4MVH] report / review of 2023 finances. Trailer and fire tower most of 2023 expenses. Brought in more money from Ham Fest this year since raised entry from \$8 to \$10, and frugal on expenses. Larry's outgoing checking balance: December 31, 2024 ~\$7,231.53. Copies if anyone wants to see. Hand-off meeting with Allie last week.

Allie Peet, AA4IM, Sec/Treasurer report: Expressed appreciate for Larry's organizational efforts.

Membership: 58 members and 19 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.

Quick reminder of the new address for the radio club is 1113 Tusculum Blvd, #152, Greeneville TN 37743.

Guest, Paul LeClair, N6ATH, asked about posting of minutes on the website. Directed to where to find.

### 4. Old business:

**HamFest 2024:** April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, application has been made to be a ARRL sanctioned event. Hamfest chair? Tabled until next meeting. We need to have flyers printed and ready to distribute, need to check if the fairgrounds have been confirmed, start sending donation requests letters/emails to major suppliers and possible vendors. Larry Whiteside shared that have plenty of tickets. Bryan shared opening time changed for 2024 to 8 am instead of 7 am. Larry Whiteside said that he'll help at the Gate, and send out vendor letters. Flyers, Bryan said has file, and just change date if okay, and just move it forward. Cost 2023, per Larry Whiteside, \$105 Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Under \$200 limit, though wait on ARRL confirmation for print. Bryan asked Ian Bible [KE4EAC] about Fairground date. Ian said it's done, and said to get with Rhonda to sign contract. Bryan will start working on getting donations and prizes until get a Hamfest chair.

**Tower /Repeater update:** The 6m repeater has been repaired and working well, along with both cameras. The 2m machine has been extremely noisy, not just the clubs, but for many other repeaters on the mountain. Best can determine at this time is that the Channel 39 back up transmitter came on line, and is causing issues to everybody. Several hours spent calculating with multiple repeater owners up there trying to find the problem, and all coming up with same calculation that the intermod is a mix within Channel 28 TV station, which the the back up

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transmitter for Channel 39. Bryan called WBMG's station engineer this afternoon, left a message, and a few hours later the repeaters cleared up. We're not having the noise that we had. Repeater was just keying up and sending out trash. So, if notice more noise, to the 440 or the 6; that's why they're there.

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**Forest Service response:** Larry reached out via email 12/31/2023. They responded today, 9:56 am, indicating no response yet. Use permit expired 12/31/23. If/when they sign off, building will need some love, though no action on it until we know that we're staying.

**Coal fund donation:** Donation has been sent and AJARC was listed in the Greeneville Sun. Larry brought a copy to the meeting is anyone wants to look at it.

**Holiday party:** Good turn out. Good time. Church didn't accept donation because of last year's miss. Bryan has voided the check, and will give to Allie.

**Education Committee Update:** Steve Bible [N7HPR] sent email update since recovering from Covid. Walter State Community College received word that have 4 students signed up for the Radio Technology Course. The class will run Jan 27<sup>th</sup> & Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9a – 1:30p.

Green County Makers Space: Weekly Wednesday night, 5-9 pm, Electronics & Computer Club meetups continue. Great attendance. Past several months tutoring the Technicians' class, getting them ready for the exam. They've added two ladies, Jane and Carolyn attended the November mtg. Will begin an Introduction to Analog Electronics on Wed, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. As for Amateur Radio at Makers, Peter Higgins is moving offices, and may give us his old office as potential space for the radio station. Will follow up.

**Monday Night Net Start time:** Opinions? Will stay with 8:30 since don't have enough to vote on it. Larry White is fine with it. Check in numbers have been about the same. Are getting more out of towners since not conflicting, and starting to grow a bit on that.

## 5. New Business:

**Cards:** Bryan has the prototype at the house, and forgot. Will bring to the next meeting.

## 6. Roundtable:

- Reminder can buy decals; Allie has those for purchase.
- Bryan reported that Larry White, AG4OB, fell and broke his leg, just below the ball in his hip. Joe and Bryan stopped by hospital with HT.
- Bryan brought up Winter Field Day, as a club? Bryan at his house, if no club interest. Invite anyone to join at his hour. Can also set up a remote. Last weekend of January, the 27<sup>th</sup>. Last year, Bryan (close to 500) and Dennis did well. Have tower trailer with generator, and can operate somewhere. Ben has offered to be at Oak Tap Room with heaters if want to be here. Fire Dept, new station 2, have a nice room that we can set up in; they've offered some things. Lot better points if running on emergency power. We have options. Bryan has bucket truck can run some dipoles from, and if we want to do, can be arranged. If going to do a club activity, let's do a club activity. Otherwise, Bryan, Dennis, Joe will do themselves at home.
- Bobby Gass, N4FV, brought up VHF Contest, 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend Jan.; Bryan welcomes anyone to come to his house for this, if anyone wants.

Ralph Bible, K4MIJ, motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at: 7:37 pm.