

AJARC

Meeting Agenda February 6, 2024

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

Present: 25 Members, 4 Guest, Meeting led by Bryan Smith (AA4BS).

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 19:07 pm

Meeting

1. **Meeting called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer.**
2. **Roll call of attendees/call signs**
3. **Secretary/Treasurer report** by Allie Peet, AA4IM

Checking balance: February 6, 2024 \$7,361.89.

Membership: 60 members and 20 members would be quorum. Donations or renewal of memberships can be done through PayPal or by check. Currently 9 expired members; asked all to please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site.

4. Old business:

HamFest 2024: April 20th, 2024, with 7a gates opening, and 730a Comm Bldg. Door prize draw at noon; plan same Main prize as last year, the FTN 6000 Dual Band Radio. Also Friday 3-10p set up available. Food vendors required to have permit this year.

- HamFest chair – Bryan Smith, AA4BS taking on, as no one else volunteered, and Joe Brown training
- Flyers printing & distribution – Bryan showed draft, and said would print later in the week
- Fairgrounds confirmation - Bryan confirmed, and will be signing contract shortly
- Donations and prizes – Larry Whiteside, KN4MVH has begun work on this; being shipped to the mail box. Bob Gass, N4FV asked for list of donors on-going, to add to the HamFest website.

Tower /Repeater update:

- 2M noise – this month, believe ice is the problem; when it melts, goes away
- 6M power supply – thought after power outage, that it just needs a reset, though unable to get up the mountain with the bad weather; will go as soon as able
- Bryan brought up age of repeaters (25-30 yr.s old), and asked club to consider upgrading. Chris Gass, N4CAG, suggested a grant to pay for the upgrade. Bryan said that another club in the area did this with the same ARRL grant that we got last year for education. After discussion, Bryan agreed to get some quotes and bring to next meeting, with idea of club taking some action after the HamFest.

Education Committee Update: Steve Bible, N7HPR

- Steve spoke to Green Count Maker tutoring each Wednesday, 5-9p. Larry, KN4MVH also spoke to the used desk he purchased and moved into the AJARC area.
- Steve also shared that Walter State CC Tag 2024 RadioTech Class has 6 students for the two day section.

- Steve wrapped up talking about the WSCC Summer Camp Program for Youth. He asked for Club support, especially Elmers, and support for take home items. Matthew Drummonds, K4MBD volunteered to sponsor a couple of license tickets for those taking the amateur radio exam.

Monday Night Net Start time; Kyle Fortenberry, AE4DF, motioned to keep the Monday 8:30p time slot, Joan Bible, K3MIJ made the 2nd, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. New Business:

- Cards prototype – Bryan AA4BS said it's a simple design, with club logo, web address, and repeaters. Plans to print when print HamFest flyers.
- 2 present of 3 new AJARC members: introduced Brian Thacker KQ4OBR, and Charlie Wilhoit, KQ4NYX
- Scheduled another test session. Set for Saturday, March 2nd, 5p at NPAC.

6. Roundtable:

- Bob, N4FV brought up Education committee helping new hams and existing hams with mentoring for upgrading their licenses.
- Bryan, AA4BS brought up the old yellow stanchions poor condition and need for replacement. He suggested we purchase a currently available package of 20 – 30" cones for \$300. Bob, N4FV motioned, Kyle, AE4DF made 2nd, and motion passed unanimously.
- Charlie Flint, K4CMF offered up an old fallen Oak for firewood for anyone who wants to come cut. Discussion of Firewood Ministry, which Charlie said was already coming, and he spoke to how large the tree is. Charlie also mentioned that the tree is in an area where someone will likely need 4-wheel drive to get in/out.
- Bill Etheridge, KM4EBZ spoke to CQ radio calls, and requested for people to make them slower for those older hams that are hard of hearing
- Matthew K4MBD brought up and advocated for more participation with Meshtastic, and with help of Steve N7HPR showing equipment. He mentioned a couple of good YouTube videos on topic, including S2Underground.

Meeting adjourned at: Larry KN4MVH motioned, and meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.