

AJARC

Meeting Agenda March 5, 2024

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

Present: 25 Members, 2 Guest, Meeting led by Bryan Smith (AA4BS).

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 19:00 pm at the Fairgrounds.

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: March 5, 2024 \$7,482.27.

Membership: 63 members and 21 members is a quorum. Donations or renewal of memberships can be done through PayPal or by check. Currently 1 expired member; please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site.

At the meeting, reimbursed Ian Bible, KE4EAC, \$278.78 for website hosting expenses. Also, reimbursed Bryan Smith, AA4BS \$140 for Artistic Printers expense to pay for Hamfest flyers, and \$300 reimbursement for the 20 Orange traffic cones for the tower trailer. Additionally, gave Bryan an \$810 check for Greene Co. Fairgrounds, for the Hamfest grounds rental.

4. Old business:

HamFest 2024: April 20th, 2024, 7a gates opening, and 730a Comm Bldg.

- Flyers & Cards– Bryan; Bryan brought a stack of flyers, and asked if someone going to the Sevierville Hamfest March 18th, and asked anyone willing generally to take flyers and distribute them. On the cards, he brought a mock up and passed it around for everyone to see.
- Fairgrounds contract update - Bryan; contract signed. No commercial vehicles allowed inside this year because of new concrete; we'll assist with dollies, etc. Still looking for food/coffee truck vendors.
- Donations and prizes – MFJ, Ace, DX Engineering, GigaParts via prize discounts.

Tower /Repeater update:

- Bryan re: repeaters quotes per last meeting; if go used, VHF or UHF \$1-1.5K, or alternatively, if make good to buy pre-made cable for ~\$100/cable. An SL5700 new runs \$2500-3K per repeater. Recommend replacing the 2M first. We have a used 6M donated, and with a little love, that can go in. From discussion, the antennas are in good condition.
- New cones update; 20 new now on tower trailer.
- Work day came up in discussion; Matt Drummonds, K4MBD, asked next date. Bryan said that one needs to be scheduled after the Hamfest.

Education Committee Update: Steve Bible, N7HPR

- Completed the WSCC TG program Feb 3/10 with 6 students (ages 4-13).
- Summer camp through WSCC coming up; sign up online.

- General and Extra classes being planned
- 7 being tutored for their Tech license testing
- Still working on the station at the Maker's Space; Steve reminded everyone of every Wed night class meeting at Maker's Space.

March 22nd Volunteer opportunity – School event – Bryan Smith, AA4BS

- Set up evening of 21st, 5:30-6 pm; location change to the side
- On the 22nd, arrival ~7am; stay until ~1-2 pm.
- New volunteer requirements for ID scan this year, and need list of who plans to attend the 22nd, and plan to come a little early to get signed in and ID scan.

5. New Business:

- From the March 2nd exam, Richard Tipton, W4RTN upgraded to Extra, and Stephen P Pyle KQ4PJZ is a new Tech class.

6. Roundtable:

- Dave Houser, WA9OTP, raised idea of adding programming to the meeting more. General discussion ensued about doing something once a quarter.

Meeting adjourned: Kyle Fortenberry, AE4DF motioned to adjourn, and meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.