

AJARC

Meeting Agenda May 7, 2024

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

Present: 27 Members, 3 Guest, Meeting led by Bryan Smith (AA4BS).

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 19:00 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: May 7, 2024 \$8,168.82.

Membership: 52 members. 13 have expired in the last couple of months, and there are 12 coming up in June. Please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site. Donations or renewal of memberships can be done through PayPal or by check.

4. Old business:

HamFest 2024:

- Wrap up – Bryan:
 - * 270 general attendance tickets;
 - * \$1,979.31 profit;
 - * 17 vendors in the building;
 - * Fox Hunt went well;
 - * Door prizes – Larry did an awesome job [BioEno sent double prizes; told us to keep for Club purposes, so kept 4 BioEno for club and using in Amo boxes for club member portable use].
- Take Aways for next year:
 - * ran out of tables;
 - * get the word out more;
 - * on food – book earlier, and Catalyst happy/wants to come back next year;
 - * tailgaters – no feed back; testing – 13 took/passed [1 Extra; 3 General; 9 Tech].

Tower /Repeater update:

- Updates – Bryan
 - * 2M was purchased and installed as stand alone until programming link worked out
 - * Bryan went up/found issue – tone looping power supply - spurious; will take alternate and hope to re-link repeaters soon
- Schedule a work day - Need work party scheduled; summer dates for clean up, paint/scrap, shingles/roof work needed for 2nd half of roof and side walls. After discussion, group voted for Sept 14/15, and Sept 21//22 as follow up, if needed

Education Committee Update: Steve Bible, N7HPR

- Summer camps; have flyers available, and post on AJARC site for the 5 upcoming classes. Need help spreading the word for the Newport location/class. Scholarships available.
- HamFest table especially good for connecting with the other area Ham Clubs to get the word out.
- Reminder for Wed, 6-8 pm, Maker's Space tutoring

5. New Business:

- Science Alliance – Thank you again to all who participated
- Field Day 2024, June 22 at Kinser Park, Pavilion 3
 - Need to order Yagi hairpin match – Bryan to get link from Bobby
 - food/water: Bryan said that we should be able to feed ourselves since such trouble to get donations. Larry White AG4OB made motion for Club to be able to spend limit of \$500.00 for Field Day food. Larry Whiteside KN4MVH made the 2nd. Unanimous vote to support. Charlie will pick up the waters. Eddie volunteered to donate a brisket. Bryan will bring the smoker, and put together a menu.
 - Game plan for antennas needed.
 - Larry Whiteside will bring his BioEno battery and set up for Club to qualify for off-grid points
 - Ralph Bible K4MIG and Larry Whiteside volunteered to be the Safety Officers
 - More information next meeting.

6. Roundtable:

- Bryan announced, as of June 3, taking a new position with the State of TN over it's 30 repeater sites; may not be at the next meeting in person – possibly attend via Zoom
- SkyWarn – Larry Whiteside KN4MVH attended the meeting; 11 attendees
 - September 28th, 10 a – 2 p, Morristown Open House
 - encouraging all to have a National Weather Service radio in home
 - Eric McCard, District 7 (our dist) would like a Greene Co. coordinator; that person would be able to call an event locally, ahead when weather arrives in JC. Eric would also like to use our repeater for a sub-net.
 - Next meeting is May 25th
- Membership: Bryan AA4BS brought up the item of club giving people who take our tests receiving a free membership for a year, and many of those test takers being from out of the area and not participating in club activities ever again. He thought that maybe a By-Laws change might be needed, though Larry Whiteside clarified that for meeting voting, the By-Laws stipulate a quorum of those members present at the meeting, rather than of the total club. After discussion, Matt Drummond K4MBD, with 2nd from Kyle Fortenberry AE4DF, made a motion that those who take the test and show up at some of next meetings afterwards and participate, we'll then offer them the one year free membership. Motion passed unanimously.
- Silent Key, Walt's estate items
 - equipment donated to the club at Bryan's house now – he'll bring to Field Day for people to look at and take what want
 - antennas to take down, though no rush
 - Omni 7 radio, per last meeting discussion/agreement, to be donated to TN net/Harrell Davidson
- TN Traffic Net with WD4LAR Harrell Davidson – Larry White AG4OB: 4 dates in June for training

Meeting adjourned: Larry White AG4OB motioned, and meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.