

AJARC

Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 21 Members, 3 Guests, President Bryan Smith (AA4BS) Sec/Treasurer Elijah Collins-White (W4ECW)

Next meeting Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Meeting

- The meeting was called to order by ****President Bryan Smith (AA4BS)**** at 7:00 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance followed by opening prayer led by Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)
- Introductions by roll call and call signs

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Elijah Collins-White (W4ECW)

- Current Balance (as of December 31, 2024): \$6,859.47.
- Membership: 60 active members 6 memberships expiring in January.

Old Business

Tower Repeater Update

Bryan Smith (AA4BS)

- Recent vandalism caused approximately \$2,000 in damages to the fire tower.
 - Video evidence submitted to the Greene County Sheriff's Department, 1 suspect identified.
- Motion made by Ian Bible (KE4EAC), second by Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) to allocate up to \$3,000 for repairs as needed
- Bryan reported that Kevin Duplants has the new repeaters, and that cables have been ordered and progress is being made.
- Current operation remains on 2 meters only.

Education Committee Report

Steven Bible (N7HPR)

- Radio Classes at WSCC Niswonger Campus begins January 14. 6-8 PM (6-week program).
- Wednesday Night Classes at Greene County Makers (6–8 PM).

- Steve is now a counselor for Radio, Electronics, and Engineering merit badges.
- Plans for a Scout Camporee at Boy Scout Camp Davy Crockett in April, with club participation.

Licensing and Upgrade Testing

Bryan Smith (AA4BS)

- Test session planned for late January/early February.

Winter Field Day

Bryan Smith (AA4BS)

- You can look up Winter field day sites at winterfieldday.org
- Scheduled for January 25–26, 2025.
- Club discussed potential participation:
 - Locations considered: Greeneville Fire Department Station #2, Rescue Squad, Old Oak Taproom.
- No club decision; members encouraged to participate individually or visit nearby events.

New Business

Skywarn Update

Larry Whiteside (KN4MV)

- Eric was removed as SKYWARN District Coordinator Justin was made the SKYWARN District Coordinator
- Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) resigned as Greene County Coordinator due to non-compliance issues with GMRS repeater usage.

Hamfest 2025

Bryan Smith (AA4BS)

- Scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2025.
- A motion was made by Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) second by Bob Gass (N4FV) to nominate Joe Bowman (N4JAB) as Hamfest Chair.
- A motion was made by Kyle Fortenberry (AE4DF) second by Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) to allocate \$200 for flyer printing.
- Plans discussed for quarterly articles and outreach initiatives to attract new members.

Open Floor and Announcements

- A recent article on amateur radio's role in emergencies by Lindsey Peet (N4AUM) was published in The Greeneville Sun.
- Website Updates Get prices for updates
- New POTA Site: Henderson Swamp Public Hunting Area identified as a new activation site, generating significant interest.
- ARRL reports a 23% increase in new licenses and 12% increase in upgrades from 2023 to 2024.
- Members encouraged to ensure proper frequency use to avoid interference

Adjournment

- Allie Peet (AA4IM) made a motion to adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Motions Passed

1. Allocate **\$3,000** for fire tower repairs.
2. Allocate **\$200** for Hamfest flyer printing.
3. Nominate Joe Bowman as Hamfest Chair.