

# AJARC

## Meeting Minutes June 3<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 22 Members, 1 Guests, Bryan Smith, lead the meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room

### Meeting

- Meeting called to order by Bryan Smith (AA4BS)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Prayer

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

### 2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Bryan reported reported checking balance: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, \$9,093.16

Interest: \$0.77

Deposits: \$48.83

Walmart Spark: \$2.00

PayPal transfer \$46.06

### Expenses

GEA Power Bill: \$35.00

Membership: 57 members. Donations or renewal of memberships can be made through PayPal or by check. Please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site.

### 3. Old business:

- Tower /Repeater update (Bryan Smith)
- VHF repeater successfully converted and working.
- UHF repeaters not operational; searching for a Motorola MTR2000 UHF unit.
- Plan to install working VHF at the mountain.
- Current Kenwood UHF will be placed back in service temporarily.
- Portable VHF system planned for emergency use with the tower trailer.
- Tower workday to be scheduled after Field Day.

### Education Committee report (Ian Bible)

- Ongoing Hamtastic courses
- Wednesday night classes temporarily paused but will resume next week.

### 4. New Business:

Field Day June 28-29 Kinser Park Pavilion 3

#### Proposed food plan:

- Pizza for Saturday lunch
- Catered dinner (options include Food City chicken platters)
- Breakfast from Pals or similar

- Budget approved: \$300 for food (Motion by AG4OB, Second by KM4EBZ)
- Chris Brewer volunteered to transport food.
- Bob and Dennis will conduct a site RF noise check prior to Field Day.

**Schedule:**

- Setup: 8:00-9:00 AM
- Lunch: 12:30 PM
- Field Day Start: 2:00 PM
- Dinner: 6:30 PM
- Breakfast: 8:30 AM Sunday
- Band Plan: Operate as 5A, with a Go-To station.

**Antennas:**

- Use dipoles and Yagi for 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters.
- Discussed possibly using new arborist antenna launcher.

**Logging:** N3FJP logging software with server and networking handled by Steve and

- Matthew.
- Safety Officer: Bob (KM4EBZ)

**Demonstrations:**

- Larry (AG4OB) - Traffic handling
- Larry (KM4NVH) - Skywarn presentation (~3:30 PM)
- No Testing at Field Day due to WCARS administrative issues. Considering a future switch to an Alabama-based VEC for streamlined digital testing.

## Equipment Purchases

Approved contingency plan: \$250 allocated for two new cameras for the fire tower if no donated cameras are available.

(Motion by N4DWH, Second by AG4OB)

## Additional Notes

- Press release for Field Day will be prepared by Lindsey.
- Field Day locator listing still pending update.
- Bob (KM4EBZ) will monitor and copy the ARRL Field Day bulletin.
- Discussed GMRS repeater usage and operational coverage.

## 5. Roundtable:

Meeting adjourned at: 19:30 with a motion by (AG4OB)