

AJARC

Meeting Minutes June 2nd, 2026

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 22 Members, 1 visitor, Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR), Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room, Tusculum

Meeting

Meeting called to order by Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) at 19:00, and the followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer led by Abner Richards (K4MIK).

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside reports – At the last meeting, Larry recapped May finances.

Checking Balance: May 31, \$8960.60

Deposits: \$116.79 (\$0.76 interest, \$105.03 dues, \$1.00 Donation/old equipment Sales, \$10 Bumper stickers)

Expenses: \$36.00 (\$36.00 GEA)

Membership: 47 members and 16 members would be quorum. Three memberships are currently expired. Donations or renewal of memberships can be made through PayPal or by check. Please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site. Quick reminder of the address for the radio club is 1113 Tusculum Blvd, Box 152, Greeneville TN 37743.

I filed the IRS 990-n form as required by May 15th deadline.

3. Presentation (15 minutes) by Jamey Nealy (KM4AED) - Mission to Peru – and Communication challenges he witnessed (No slides, just a verbal presentation): Jamey received a few questions, and everyone was focused on this discussion. Jamey challenged us about the possibilities of US radio clubs helping by providing communities in Peru radio equipment to help address their communication gaps between the communities. He is going to be doing more research on what the restrictions exist. There are issues with radios given that the drug traffickers use handheld radios.

4. Old Business:

Education Committee/Activity Steven Bible (N7HPR): Steven reported on what has been happening at Makers Space. Radio and end fed antenna installed. Continuing with the shack build up. The Greeneville Balloon launch will happen at Walter State of the radio. The balloon will have with the AJARC W4WC callsign per the motion at the last meeting. Others have funded the other balloon launches. Greeneville's launch will be during the class in July and Steve will provide us with the exact date.

HamFest 2026 (Larry KN4MVH): New recommendation: In order to boost ticket sales, I've researched the raffle rules and if we get a raffle license for \$100, we can sell as many tickets as we want to everyone coming to the HamFest for chances for the door prizes and would not be limited to just one ticket per person. We always turn people way. There was motion by Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) and second by Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF), and motion passed that for the 2027 HamFest, we get the raffle permit which will allow us to sell as many tickets as possible without restrictions.

Tower / Repeater update: Bryan Smith (AA4BS) Trustee was not present. There was no information on the status of the tower / repeater and Bryan (AA4BS). There was extensive discussion by club members about the repeaters being down for the last 2 plus years and not being restored.

After some discussion, there was motion made by Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF) that we replace Bryan Smith (AA4BS) who is the current trustee with Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR). The motion was seconded by Bob Etheridge (KM4EBZ), and the motion passed. Brian Thacker is now the new Trustee for the AJARC W4WC Radio Club. Motion was approved; there were no “Nay” votes.

It was suggested that Brian (ZKQ4OBR) talk with Bryan Smith (AA4BS) about the status of the radio equipment, and the spare equipment scheduled to be installed or repaired that he may have at his home and transfer it to Thacker’s possession.

Update (LarryKN4MVH) – Tower and Special use Permit US Forest Service: The paperwork has been submitted to the USFS. We are waiting on the outcome of the FAA inspections.

VE Testing (Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW): Not present no information

Weather station idea at tower (KM4EBZ/Larry KN4MVH): No new information.

Web Hosting (committee created): No news and didn’t meet.

Bylaws (Larry KN4MVH and Allie AA4IM): Nothing to report currently. The goal is to modify the bylaws to break apart of the sec/treasurer role.

SKYWarn training (Larry KN4MVH): June 4th is the next training. https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn_classes The District 6 Repeater Frequency. It’s 147.030

TNARA: In case you want to find out more about them, here is a link <https://tnara.org/>. There was more discussion about this, and Bryan Smith noted during one of the past meetings that he knows the leadership with TNARA and now has a better understanding of their services. Joining only costs \$35. It’s our understanding that they were talking with Bryan Smith about coming later this summer and making a presentation at a club meeting. We will need to find out what Bryan Smith may have arranged with them.

May 24th: POTA event Lakeway Radio Club: There were 30 people that attended the joint Meet and Greet POTA at the Panther Creek State Park event. Rain later in the afternoon put a damper on the end of the day. The Lakeway Club was well represented with their members from as far away as Knoxville. It went from 1pm until 5pm.

As part of the discussion, it was brought up about the need for **Band Pass filters for POTA and Field Day activities.** After some additional consideration, there was a motion by Ian Bible (KE4EAC), and seconded by Mike Dugger (KI4UVE) that we purchase 5 band pass filters covering 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters. The Frequencies allowed during Field Day. Motion passed. Justin Wiloit (KR4CUF) volunteered to make the purchase up to about \$125 each plus whatever the shipping costs will be and the club will reimburse him.

Field Day: Pavilion Number #3 has been reserved at the same price of \$90 again at Kinser Park for the two days of June 27-28, 2026. Charlie K4CMF has the water donation. Need to discuss food options. In the past it was a lot of work without a lot of success. There was a motion by Justin (KR4CUF) that we spend up to \$500 for food for the field day, it was seconded by Steve Weiss (KJ4EOC), motion passed. Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) and Mike Dugger (KI4UVE) will be the safety officers for Field Day. Allie volunteered to help with the food on Saturday night.

5. New Business:

It was decided that we need to go ahead and create the Nomination committee for November Club Election as required by the By-laws, which need to happen 6 months before the election of officers. There were three people that volunteered for that role. Allie Peet (AA4IM), Jon Coley (KIHND) and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH).

6. Roundtable:

There were no other items,

Motion to adjourn by AG4OB
Meeting adjourned at 20:15