

AJARC Meeting July 7, 2026

Meeting started 7:06 pm

1. Roll call: Matthew K4MBD, David AD4QH, Lindsay N4AUM, Allie AA4IM, Scott KM4FYJ, Wallace KZ4NW, David WA9DP, Neil K4BGS, Angie KQ4TLK, John K1HND, Larry AG4OB, Abner K4MIK, Mike KI4UVE, Bob KM4EBZ, Steve KJ4EOC, Art KI6UXE, Bryan KQ4OBR
2. Prayer – Larry AG4OB
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Bryan KQ4OBR briefly recapped Treas report: \$8,834.34, with 0.74 deposit, and expense of \$126 with \$36 GEO and \$90 undefined. 49 members, and 16 a= quorum. Membership renewal online Paypal or take money here.
5. Will West presentation TN ARA cancel for evening.
6. Educ Comm, Steve in Newport teaching a class. Ian is still returning from MI.
7. Ham Fest 2027, reported that Larry Whiteside is applying for license to have raffle next year.
8. Trustee change; confirmed KQ4OBR paperwork has gone through and finalized.
9. Tower & Repeater: several volunteers on Tower comm.; anyone else want to volunteer. Made progress, and old UHF ready to go up on tower. It's a 5W radio. Need to upgrade it. Discussed prior meetings, and money was allocated for it. Dennis Holt, Brian Smith, Ian Bible, Bryan OBR, and Denny Dunn. Anyone else want to volunteer? Matt said to add him. OBR would like to go up Sunday if anyone available; just to clean up and straighten up – nothing to hard. Weed eater discussed; Bryan said could help. OBR suggested later morning Sunday, meet at Hardee's on Old Asheville Hwy. Asked people to text of notify him at 423-470-5011. Look and see what needs to be done up there. Want to get the repeaters up and running, the UHF and 6 m up and running. Need help.
10. VE – Wallace; two tonight. One at Ham Fest sailed through it. Will send Larry Whiteside info, so can invite them to event. Discussed need to invite to event rather than member meeting. Scott asked about giving one year membership? Allie reminded that yes, as long as participate; stipulation added for that a couple of years ago. Wallace said needs to be something interesting. Someone suggested a foxhunt. Bryan OBR said could have one at meeting. Some discussion about having a license vs. knowing how to use it. Matt spoke to his son Miles, benefited from practice.

Wallace brought up an aside about benefit of Digital and making contacts at Field Day. Matt spoke to benefit. OBR brought up presentations on digital formats, or most popular. Allie brought up that Dave does Winlink. OBR asked Dave if he would do a presentation on Win link soon. Wallace started talking about PODA. Additional discussions, and Wallace brought up other clubs having an education piece. OBR said he thought our Education Comm was going to focus in that direction – not a problem for them to do it. Any past issues no longer exist. 15-20 minutes would be good, how to load software. Get business portion done early, like at 6, and then help put up a couple of antennas, and do this easily. Wallace spoke to Field Day being remote, and those who have public presence helps. OBR back to Dave, asked if with an antenna, if he could do presentation, and Dave agreed with antenna, yes, could

do it. A bit of discussion about antenna options, and OBR brought up 40M antenna 3-D printed antenna build shown at last meeting and built at Maker's Space. Wallace brought up and a little chat about Maker's Space schedule for events for special interest classes, builds and such so that people can plan for it. OBR get with Dave to set up.

11. Weather station – OBR reported that Larry Whiteside got price on one ~\$1,000 to put up at site? Matthew said that he's got fair amount of experience having put in several at his plant. Said he good get one in good shape for a lot less than that. He offered to dig into that. He asked about broadcast?, wind speed?, log? OBR said that he'd like to be able to put it on the website. Wallace said good community service to be able to publicize. Davis is brand that he's used before. Larry White spoke to it needing to be hardy to withstand being up on the mountain. Matthew said the newer style have ultrasonic transducers and they measure the wind speed by checking the speed of sound between them so a lot more robust. They'd probably freeze up in the winter time, but you can get them with some heaters in them. So, Matthew said that he'd do some exploration on it. Matthew said it's the technology rather than the actual brand.

12. Web Hosting Comm. – nothing to report.

13. By-Laws Comm – Larry Whiteside and Allie; going to have a meeting July 23rd at Maker's Space. Allie spoke to this, sharing that Justin was coming, and inviting anyone else that would like to come as well to please show up. OBR said that he'd probably be there. Abner asked the day of week. Allie said it's a Thursday, and at 6:30 pm.

14. Skywarn training – next is August 6th. Check-in on site.

15. Field Day – 808 contacts; for crowd/few people, did well. OBR expressed gratitude to all who participated.

16. New Business – Wallace asked – anything in By-laws about how meetings an officer can miss before they're disqualified as the officer? OBR replied no, though reason to attend By-laws meeting to bring stuff like that up. Discussion of sharing By-laws ideas or input, either by attending or emailing Larry White or Allie. Allie reminded everyone that the By-laws are on the AJARC website anytime if want to review, or read before the meeting on the 23rd. OBR asked people to be thinking as develop as a club, By-laws ever changing, we grow as we go.

17. Larry White moved to adjourn at 7:41 pm.