

AJARC

Meeting Minutes August 4th, 2026

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 15 Members, 2 Guests, and the club Leadership

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room, Tusculum

Meeting

Meeting call to order at 19:00, and the followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer.

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside reports – Summary of July finances.

Deposits: \$207.87 (\$0.72 interest, \$9.00 Field Day Stickers, 35.00 Bumper stickers, \$163.15 dues)

Expenses: \$658 00 (\$38.00 GEA, \$620.00 Band-Pass Filters)

There were several deposits made in July with some checks yet clear. Several membership payments have also been received but are still moving from PayPal to our checking account.

Membership: 50 members and 17 members would be quorum (33%). Two memberships are currently expiring. 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. One person joined the club during the meeting.

3. Presentation (15 minutes) by Will West (KO4WIL) by TNARA plus questions

Will presented information about the benefits of TNARA for Amateur Radio Clubs and to individuals. He talked about them wanting to hold meetings to help foster leadership training. They have a robust web page and apps which allow people to join and take advantage of their services.

After Will left, Bryain Smith (AA4BS) asked if we could deal with TNARA now given it was fresh, and there was discussion about joining them. There was a motion by Bian Thacker (KQ4OBR) and seconded by Steve Weiss (KJ4EOC) that we go ahead and join TNARA. Motion Passed.

4. Old Business:

Field day results and Pins: Larry Whiteside reported contact information and then distributed pins to those that were present. Those that were not present will get their pins when we see them at the next meeting or at events. Larry may even send them by mail.

Education Committee/Activity Steven Bible (N7HPR): Steven reported on what has been happening and how the Walter State program went with the Kids. He reported on the balloon launch and what is up next on the Wednesday night programs.

HamFest 2026 (Larry KN4MVH): Follow-up on raffle license. Application has been filled out. Just needs to be submitted. The date for the HamFest for 2027 is April 17th, 2027. The raffle permit will be for April 15th, 2028, as the deadline for 2027 has passed already. There is a \$50 filing fee.

Tower / Repeater Committee: We've had two more people volunteer to be on the committee. They are Matthew Drummond (K4MBD) and Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF). Including these two new people, the other members are Dennis Holt (N4DWH), Bryan Smith (AA4BS), Ian Bible (KE4AC), Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR), Denny Dunn (KN4AYP). Brian Thacker, Bob Gass (N4FV) and Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF). Brian and Justin reported on the recent trips to the tower by the work crew. Brian reported that water is getting to the building by the microwave area.

VE Testing (Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW):

Weather station idea at tower (KM4EBZ/Larry KN4MVH): no information since the last meeting

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

Bylaws (Larry KN4MVH and Allie AA4IM): They will report on what was discussed. Eight people attended the meeting on July 23rd. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th, at 630pm. (Justin KR4CUF), ALLIE(AA4IM), Lindsay (N4AUM), Larry (KN4MVH), Mike (KI4YVE), Janet Gibson, Brian (KQ4OBR), Scott (KM4FYJ). Allie and Larry are scheduled to discuss the Sec/Treasurer roles on August 2nd by Phone at 530 pm given they both have held the roles and want to work on writing the breakup.

Committee referenced several documents for consideration and ideas. The first was the [State of Tenn Guidebook for Tennessee Non-profits](#), "What every board member should know"). The other documents referenced were the AJARC club Bylaws and Constitution, and a copy of the Lakeway Radio Club bylaw and constitution.

The group's objective is to have ready by the December meeting recommended changes for consideration and a vote. Our feelings is at that meeting, we would have enough members to meet the requirement for the bylaws and constitution to be approved.

We worked through the bylaws first with some edits and proposed changes. Larry and Allie will work on the edits to the Secretary /Treasurer roles and split them out. They will meet separately to work on that part. Others on the committee will review the roles of the President, Vice-President, and other possible leadership positions that could be added to the board of directors. One item under consideration is expanding the board of directors from just three to more positions.

SKYWarn training (Larry KN4MVH): The next one is Thursday, August 6th.

https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn_classes The District 6 Repeater Frequency. It's 147.030

5. New Business:

Club Tower Trailer: During the HamFest, the team that put of the tower trailer learned several things about it and have some recommendations. 1) **Storing it at new location (not discussed)**, 2) upgrading the hardware to one common size, and 3) replacing the hand crank to a power unit. During the discussion, it was suggested that we find out how much the updates are going to be to the training and report out what the expense will be.

Changing Banks: Larry Whiteside has been asked several times by several club members about if there are other banks that allow for more signatures on checking accounts. Answer is yes there is. Andrew Johnson Bank allows businesses accounts to have more than two people to sign checks. I have been thinking about moving our account

to another bank to give us more flexibility and allow our Vice-president that ability to sign checks too. They all have the same features that we currently have. I would be able to link PayPal to the other functionality like what we already have. I've not asked about fees yet. Bryan Smith (AA4BS) asked if it's been an issue so far, Larry reported not for him regarding getting checks signed.... Bryan did not like the idea of more people being able to sign checks. There was no further discussion about that or moving the checking account.

6. Roundtable:

Motion to adjourn by several people
Meeting adjourned at 20:05