

AJARC

Meeting Minutes October 6th, 2026

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 17 Members, no Guests, and the Leadership

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room, Tusculum

Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 19:00 by club leadership then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Abner Richards.

1. Roll call of attendees and their call signs.

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside reports – Summary of September finances.

Deposits: \$177.00 (\$0.68 interest, \$176.37 dues)

Expenses: \$524.38 (\$42.00 GEA, \$41.63 Mike Dugger tower equipment reimbursement, \$392.24 Larry Whiteside Hamfest flyers, storage fee, postage, \$48.18 Go Daddy)

Membership: 51 members and 34 members would be quorum (33%). Five memberships are set to expire or are expiring. If you have donations or renewal of memberships, they can be done 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.

Larry asked for a motion to allow for the payment of the UPS box for \$240 which is due November 3, 2026. Motion was made by Allie Peet (AA4IM) and seconded by Larry White (AG4OB), motion passed.

3. Old Business:

Education Committee/Activity Steven Bible (N7HPR): Steven reported on the next project to be built on Wednesday night. A desktop "CW_decoder" which can process up to six signals at one time. It will only cost about \$35 to build per person. We just finished up the world clock.

Tower / Repeater Committee: Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF) Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) and others: No one has been up to the tower to work on final few things.

VE Testing Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW): Wallace reported they are planning for testing at Makers Space as he has three requests. They will be working to create a normal schedule for testing.

Nomination Committee: John Coley (K1HND), Allie Peet (AA4IM), Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) reported that they have three names for the November election. The names they are presenting are Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) for President, Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF) for Vice President, Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) for Sec/Treasurer). There was some discussion and as a result, Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF) stated that he wanted to be a candidate for President, so as a result, the slate of candidates has been updated to be the following:

President: Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR), Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF)

Vice-President: Pending action during the November meeting

Sec/Treasurer: Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)

Weather station idea at tower (KM4EBZ/Larry KN4MVH): Nothing to report.

Web hosting: Ian Bible (KE4EAC) and Allie Peet (AA4IM): Ian reported that they will be moving the sites soon and Allie will be starting the redesign in the spring of 2027. Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW) stated that he wanted to help out.

Bylaws (Larry KN4MVH and Allie AA4IM): On the club web site you will find draft copies of the results from the committee's work for review. The eight committee members include Janice Gibson, Mike Dugger (KI4UVE), Scott Bird (KM4FYJ), Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF), Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR), Allie Peet (AA4IM), Lindsay Peet (N4AUM), and Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH). The committee members reviewed other clubs' documents as well as the State of Tennessee's documents on how non-profit organizations draft them. The committee presented the changes for the club. There was quite a bit of discussion about the extent of the changes. Lindsey (N4AUM) read over some highlights of the changes.

There was considerable discussion about the extent of the proposed changes. Some club members were expecting modifications to just the sec / treasurer role. Committee members stated that the current bylaws and constitution didn't conform to the State of Tennessee laws, which is why they chose to make more extensive changes. Larry explained that there were 13 versions of the documents before these were completed. The committee meeting notices were posted and announced during nets for all the members to attend. Club members asked that we post on the website the referenced State of Tennessee document we talked about: State of Tennessee ["A Guidebook for Tennessee Nonprofits 2019 Edition"](#). **There were no motions and votes on the by-laws or constitution during this meeting.**

SKYWarn training (Larry KN4MVH): The next one is Thursday, November 3rd, 2026.

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

Club Tower Trailer: Status of the estimate for parts for the hardware to update the antenna and power wench/battery backup. Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) didn't have anything to report at this time.

STEM: Is October 23rd, 2026. Beth Bulawa (W8DOC) is coordinating and has submitted the necessary forms already. Set up will again be the night before as has been the practice. The school will provide lunch again. She is asking about the club tower trailer and wants to confirm that it will be set up as has been the practice in the past. Please contact Beth directly if you plan on participating. (chicksinspace@yahoo.com), (ebulawa@comcast.com) Seven names were given to Larry and he will forward to Beth and Bryan asked that he be copied on them.

Storage Unit: If you have AJARC radio club gear, we are asking that you return it so that it can be added to the inventory in the storage unit. We are trying to place it all in the unit which is in a central location.

4. New Business:

December 1st Christmas party: Larry Whiteside has already contacted Trinity United Methodist Church (524 Tusculum Blvd., Greeneville, TN, 37745) and reserved the room again for this year. We have the smaller room again because the boy scouts have a standing reservation for the larger fellowship room of the church.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd which is Election Day. Its election day and someone asked about the next meeting should be move it because of Election Day. No one wanted to move the meeting date.

BRaGC: Bryan Smith (AA4BS) received an email on October 5th, 2026 from the Greene County Partnership about the event on October 25th asking that we help with this event. We all felt was a little late for us to coordinate and plan. There was discussion about the number of people needed, time needed to plan it out and to work it. After discussion, there was no one interested that taking on the event given Bryan Smith stated that he could not do it this year. Bryan (AA4BS) stated that he would contact them and tell them we would not help this year.

5. Roundtable:

Motion to adjourn by: AA4IM
Meeting adjourned at 19:58