



## WAARC April 11, 2017 meeting minutes

President Bobby, N5VCU, called the meeting to order and welcomed all. There were 30 attending. Vice President Will (K4MI) reviewed program plans and mentioned the club picnic for the June meeting. Treasurer Ted, W3TB, reported receiving a \$150 donation from the Bush Christmas Dash group and paying the post office box rent. Secretary Dan (WG4F) stated the March meeting report was posted on the club web site and Yahoo group files section. Both reports were approved. Bill, NR4C, discussed the club special event at Jamestown scheduled May 13. He also mentioned the code class at Gizmo's. QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, reported on the new cards received and is anticipating activity after the special events.

Chris, KC4CMR shared the sad news of the passing of Jim, KB4ZIN, SK. He gave a brief summary of Jim's work at NASA and other highlights. There was a memorial service scheduled for April 23 at the Williamsburg Airport at 4:30pm. Chris also mentioned the Hike for Hospice and Peddle the Parkway events April 22 and May 6. Chris also shared that the '76 repeater was now 30 years old after a prior service of about 20 years in commercial radio. Chris responded to a question that the repeater will currently keep the KB4ZIN call sign and that the family has other amateurs so we don't have any other information at this time. Rick, AK4MV, mentioned the Run the DOG event also April 22, but it is early (7am) and should not be an issue for other activities that same day.

Mike, W4NYY, has scheduled the next VE testing session also on Saturday, April 22 at the TNCC Workforce center starting at 8:30. He is looking for one additional VE as some are tied up with other events that same date.

It was mentioned the Colonial Williamsburg special event would be July 1. Dino reported that there was one more Builders group session on April 22. He has had a conversation with the ARRL CEO involving maker groups and the editor of QST for some pictures for the web site. Recall he had an article published in the QST on this a few years ago. Ted, W3TB, suggested a program of our builders showing their projects.

There have been some informal committee discussions on Field Day 2017 with plans for the same two stations and a GOTA station. Remember, Field Day is June 24-25. Kyle, KK4BMZ, equipment manager, discussed some of the older least used equipment for possible disposal. There was some discussion concerning the club batteries.

The program was provided by Ted, W3TB on a Youth DX Adventure in Costa Rica. It was informative showing some of what goes into a DX Adventure, and it was encouraging to see youth so involved in Amateur Radio. Don, N6JRL and others came up with the idea after operating in Costa Rica at a DX vacation villa. In 2010 middle and high school age operators (and parents) learned skills operating a DX pileup from the DX end.

Attendees:

AD4IT	Bruce		KC4HYO	Ed		nocall	Leslie
AI4QQ	John		KJ4TJI	Tom		nocall	Greg
AI4WU	Chuck		KK4BMZ	Kyle		nocall	Matt
AJ4RS	Bob		KK4RPA	Betty		nocall	Joey
AJ4XV	Dave		KLOS	Dino		NR4C	Bill
AK4MV	Rick		KLOSS	Toby		NU4I	Ken
AK4XH	Martin		KM4JRG	Bob		W3TB	Ted
K4MI	Will		KM4YSN	Randy		WA3RWP	Wally
K8LF	Jerome		N5VCU	Bobby		WA4LMG	Bill
KC4CMR	Chris		nocall	Nate		WG4F	Dan

Respectfully submitted, Dan, WG4F. Please send any corrections or additions to me.