



WAARC April 12, 2022, meeting minutes

This was our second hybrid meeting with both in-person and Zoom attendance. Both the Hour of Power session and meeting this month were performed via ZOOM video and in-person at the JCC Bruton Fire Station. The HOP was a presentation over Zoom by Barry, K3EUI, on Digital Modes and Sound Card Communications. Barry started with some sound examples, showing how different modes sounded and explaining some differences, definitions, and speeds. He had more material than time so he will make a return presentation when arranged.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 54 attending.

- Vice President Donna, KO4GLO, presented a report from the committee looking at the club groups.io storage issue. She summarized the committee work on investigating options and the resulting recommendation to upgrade our groups.io site to a paid level to increase the storage and gain some other advantages. There was some discussion and questions and answers and a motion to proceed with the upgrade. After a hand vote the motion passed.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported on the club funds and indicated dues for 2022 should already be paid. You can contact him if you have a question about your status. He also indicated he has (extra) club patches available for \$5.00 after the first free membership patch. The treasurer's report is available on the groups.io site. Greg also discussed the Tidewater Area APRS Users Group breakfast meeting planned for April 30 at 9:00 in Portsmouth. See groups.io message number 19622 from Jason, KE4NYV on March 12.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F: the March meeting minutes were on the club web and groups.io sites. Also, the club's Virginia QSO Party log was posted to LOTW.
- Director Chuck, AI4WU: the live video effort is going well.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, reported four new cards from the Va QSO Party.
- Robert, KN4UUT, working on community events, discussed the events coming up and gave a summary of the Providence Classical School Patriot 5k event. The next event is the MS Bike-a-thon on June 4-5.
- Kerry, NH2A discussed the next regular scheduled VE session planned for June 4 coordinated with the license classes. He indicated the FCC fee of \$35.00 would apply for new licenses (or renewals or vanity calls) but not to upgrades. Popup mini sessions could be scheduled before the April 19 start of that fee.
- Training coordinator and POTA coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, reported on the next license classes to be held at the JCC Bruton Fire station starting April 18. There will be a Technician License class on Tuesdays and Fridays and a General upgrade class on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00am to

12:30pm with a test session June 4 (see K4RC.NET for more details). Wally indicated he needed a couple more signups for the general class to be taught.

- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF, reported on the application to the National Park Service to request access and a waiver of the normal fees as in the past. The new volunteer coordinator has rejected our fee waiver. Jack asked Chuck to draft a letter to the Park Superintendent to ask for reconsideration. Jack reported the letter has been sent but he has not heard any response yet.
- Activities coordinator Barbara, KN4ZMD, has provided details on the rescheduled new Stargazing event to be at the Upper County Park on Saturday April 30 at 7pm with the NASA Sky Watch group. Let Barbara know if you are interested.
- (New) Program coordinator Jay, K3JAY, has started working with Jack's line up of programs for the year. He outlined a few coming plans including solar power generators, shack tour video, Field Day details, and SDR radios.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Chuck lamented the demise of the city EOC. Chris mentioned the JCC park at Jamestown Beach might be an alternative location for the Jamestown Special Event if the NPS declined our fee waiver. He also mentioned the APRS.FI web site for information on APRS, and the local KB4ZIN-5 digipeater. He then commented that for digital modes for emergency communications, Winlink was the local popular mode.

Announcements and Business:

- > Calendar review and Activities: nets and eats, and operating events. Field Day is June 25-26.
- > Jack indicated the new Section Manager is Jack Smith, KE4LWT. The MPARC club tailgate swap-meet will be May 7. See info on the WAARC groups.io reflector or mparc.net.

Our program was presented by Robert, N1PAX, on Transmitter (Fox) Hunting techniques. Robert showed various levels of equipment useful in fox hunting. He provided recommendations and operating tips, including antennas and attenuators and mentioned some online resources.

Door Prizes provided by President Jack, KY4EA, and an attenuator kit provided by Robert were then awarded via random ticket selection. The attenuator kit was won by Dan, WG4F. Wally, WA3RWP, won a cookbook, Laura, KM4SOZ, won an Antenna book, Dino, KLOS, won a tumbler, and Chris, KC4CMR, won a dummy load. Winners were from both in-person and ZOOM attendees!

Attendees:

AI4KJ	Dan	K4OBZ	Peter	KM4INA	Pedro	N1LO	Mark
AI4QQ	John	K4PQL	Steve	KM4SOZ	Laura	N1PAX	Robert
AI4WU	Chuck	K4RVR	Tracy	KM4TNE	Tom	N2OP	Bob
AJ4IX	Bill	K8LF	Jerome	KN4UUT	Bob	NH2A	Kerry
AJ4RS	Bob	KB4PAT	Patti	KN4ZME	Fred	NKOS	Hutch
AK4XH	Martin	KC4CMR	Chris	KO4ENU	Steve	NY4B	Jay
K3EUI	Barry	KD2FYX	Donna	KO4GLO	Donna	W1RVR	Ron
K3JAY	Jay	KD4NIV	Rick	KO4JPR	DJ	W4DSR	David
K3RM	Greg	KE7ZRK	Ken	KO4PFV	Tonya	W4WTL	Bill
K4CEF	Cynthia	KH2FX	Anita	KO4UJS	Heiko	W4YSN	Randy
K4JST	Gil	KK4R	Rob	KO4WJU	Wes	W4YVA	Joe
K4MI	Will	KLOS	Dino	KO4WWJ	Michael	WA3RWP	Wally
K4MRZ	Moritz	KLOSS	Toby	KY4DZ	Dennis	WB4GUH	Dean
				KY4EA	Jack	WG4F	Dan

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