



WAARC April 11, 2023 meeting minutes

This was a 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 by Tracy, K4RVR on Parks on the Air or POTA. Tracy did an excellent presentation explaining what POTA is and why you might want to participate. She explained participation modes (hunter or activator) and lots of details about each. She included tips for getting started, equipment used, and resources available. Her presentation is available on the club groups.io site under the file section.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 51 attending.

- Vice President Donna, KD2FYX, was not able to attend so Cynthia, K4CEF discussed the meetings and plans of the STEM committee of the ARRL Grant project.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported the treasure's report is available on the groups.io site. He reported receiving the new supply of club patches and other expenses and discussed joining or renewing ARRL membership through our club and paying club dues.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F: the meeting minutes were posted on the club web and groups.io sites. Dan also thanked Cynthia for her efforts collecting club field day reports from 1997-2002. Dan indicated he would be adding these to the groups.io site.
- Director Chuck, AI4WU: no report.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, reported one card from Winter Field Day. She also described the club certificated for those who operate at all three club special events (not necessarily in one year).
- Jack announced the need for a chairperson for the food committee.
- Robert, KN4UUT, for community events, reported on the March 25 5K Providence Classical School event and discussed the next events: the Va Fire Chief 5K April 29, the Bike MS event June 3-4, the JCC Capital Colors Ride June 11, and the Patriots Triathlon Sept 9-10.
- Kerry, NH2A, introduced Joe, W4YVA, taking over the VE coordinator task. The spring open session will be on June 10 after the scheduled classes and a pop-up mini session can be arranged on demand. Kerry also described a planned DSTAR training session on May 6.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, described the planned license classes for the spring. The Technician class will begin April 25 and a General upgrade class will begin April 24. All classes will be from 9:00am – 12:30pm at the Toano Fire Station community room two days a week. Registration deadline is (was) April 16 and four students are needed for a class to proceed. The technician class has enough registered students, but the general class only has two so far.
- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF, reported the Jamestown event would be May 13 at the Jamestown Beach Park, with setup starting at 8:00am and operation planned for 10am-4pm.

- Barbara, WZ4BRB, Activities coordinator, described plans for the next YL's and Friends monthly lunch held on the April 20 and other club eating opportunities. She also described a YL and Friends board game event planned for April 25.
- Jack described a few meeting programs coming in the next couple months. For May, in preparation for Field Day, Jack will present the HOP on handy knots for Hams, and Chuck will present an overview of the club Field Day plans, operations, rules, etc.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Chuck said he believes the new city fire station is on schedule. He indicated he is not sure about EOC availability for club activities.

Announcements and Business:

Jack discussed the club ARRL grant. He presented equipment selections and reported that DX Engineering offered a 5% discount, but no other vendor offered any discounts. He described work needed in the short, medium, and long terms.

Our program was presented Will, K4MI, on setting up and using WSJT-X, and FT8 and FT4 modes. Will described some of the benefits of these modes, notes on equipment options, software, and resources.

Door Prizes were then awarded via random ticket selection. Winners can be from both in-person and ZOOM attendees, but you must be "present/Zoom" to win.

Attendees:

AI4KJ	Dan	K8LF	Jerome	KO4PQM	Ken	N8VBN	Andrea
AI4WU	Chuck	KB4PAT	Patti	KO4UJS	Heiko	NH2A	Kerry
AJ4RS	Bob	KC3PCS	Scott	KO4UOR	Scott	NI0P	Brian
AJ4XV	Dave	KD4NIV	Rick	KO4WWJ	Michael	W4ONH	Owen
AK4MV	Rick	KD4SGC	Mari Ann	KQ4BEE	Karen	W4YSN	Randy
AK4XH	Martin	KE0TCF	Michael	KQ4DCO	David	W4YVA	Joe
K3RM	Greg	KE4WMF	Scott	KQ4HJQ	Adam	WA3RWP	Wally
K4CEF	Cynthia	KH2FX	Anita	KT4JB	John	WB3GLB	Rick
K4JST	Gil	KL0S	Dino	KY4EA	Jack	WG4F	Dan
K4MI	Will	KL0SS	Toby	N1PAX	Robert	WZ4BRB	Babara
K4OBZ	Peter	KN4UUT	Bob	N2OP	Bob	no call	Fred
K4PQL	Steve	KN4ZLV	Ron	N4SOL	Solana	no call	Meinardo
K4RVR	Tracy	KO4GLN	Kenzie	N7MXK	Mike		

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