



WAARC April 14, 2020 meeting minutes

The Hour of Power session this month was performed via the ZOOM video conference platform and was used to allowed members to get configured and ready for the general meeting which would also follow on ZOOM.

Special Note: This meeting was provided via the ZOOM video conference because of the restrictions and precautions involved with the COVID-19 virus. Thanks to Dave, AJ4XV, for setting that up.

President Toby KLOSS called the meeting to order. There were 41 attending. Some normal procedures and practices were not possible due to the video conference mode of this meeting. Our Brag Can was one of the normal practices that was not available this month.

- Vice President Anita, KH2FX, discussed the annual club picnic plans. The picnic is scheduled for June 9 but there may need to be adjustments if the restrictions are not lifted at that time.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM posted the monthly report on groups.io. He expressed some frustration with the tardy bank statements arriving in the mail.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F, indicated the meeting minutes report was online. Both reports were accepted.
- Director Dino, KLOS, discussed the daily "Coffee and Radio" net on the '76 repeater.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, indicated she had two new QSL cards and sent a special event certificate.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, discussed information on the license classes including the consideration to use ZOOM and the decision not to do that but to postpone classes until after the current restrictions were lifted. Dino announced the ARRL indicated the Extra pool expiration would NOT be postponed.
- Kerry, NH2A, discussed the VE sessions and recent chatter of virtual testing. Our VE sessions that had been planned for April 25 and 29 are canceled, and the June 20 session will be decided later. He indicated the May meeting program was planned to be about Field Day.
- Welcome POC Rick, AK4MV, announced he had emailed three new members and is sending welcome packets to five.
- ARES Chris, KC4CMR, and Chuck, AI4WU reported on EOC status in the County and City. Chuck mentioned the benefits of the mesh network capabilities for Amateur Radio communications. Chris said work is still going on for the ARES connect system. He hopes to do a HOP (Hour of Power) session to be able to connect people in person after the restrictions are lifted.
- Community events: Kerry, NH2A, mentioned the Hike for Hospice was converted to a virtual event and the Pedal the Parkway was canceled. The Patriot's Triathlon in September is still planned currently. The Bike MS Colonial Crossroads event May 30/31 is still waiting for a decision. Kerry also mentioned an event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Williamsburg Airport September 18-20. This year is also

the 45th anniversary of our WAARC club and a special event station is being considered for these two anniversaries. The Airport is still planning for their event but there are no meetings now.

Announcements: The weekly ARES net on the '76 repeater is getting record participation with over 50 participants. Don't forget the daily "Coffee and Radio" net also on '76, and the Wednesday (Virtual) brunch. The ARRL Rookie Roundup (was) April 19. Our Jamestown special event is coming up in May. We will need to see how Field Day will work this year with plan A being normal and plan B perhaps being everyone participates from their own QTH.

The club officers will be looking into arranging for absentee/proxy votes for our next elections. Other business includes a new Field Day and event battery system, mobile radio for the IMOVE van, and a new approach for the Jamestown Special Event. The IMOVE van is coming along and the club logo will be included on it. The Jamestown event will still be May 9, from 10am-4pm, on 40m using K4RC but will be a distributed operation. Will is working on an operator signup sheet online. Cynthia will make an announcement on the groups list.

Our mini program was presented by Dino, KL0S, on soldering stations showing two recommended stations and there was discussion about these. Before the close of the meeting there were lots of general comments, questions, and discussion about current events and activities, or lack thereof...

Attendees:

AI4QQ	John		KC4CMR	Chris		KN4ZME	Fred
AI4WU	Chuck		KC4IRL	Mike		KN4ZMF	Kent
AJ4IX	Bill		KH2FX	Anita		KN4ZMG	Solona
AJ4RS	Rob		KL0S	Dino		KN4ZMH	Mari Ann
AJ4XV	Dave		KL0SS	Toby		KO4JPR	DJ
AK4MV	Rick		KM4YSN	Randy		KT4JB	John
K3RM	Greg		KN0S	Hutch		NH2A	Kerry
K4CEF	Cynthia		KN4KXI	Francine		no call	Pattie
K4JST	Gill		KN4KXO	Mike		NR4C	Bill
K4MI	Will		KN4UPM	Peter		W3TB	Ted
K4MRO	Michael		KN4UUT	Bob		W4ONH	Owen
K8LF	Jerome		KN4VSS	Jack		WA3RWP	Wally
KB4YFK	John		KN4ZLV	Ron		WB7URZ	Randy
			KN4ZMD	Barbara		WG4F	Dan

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