



WAARC August 11, 2020 meeting minutes

The Hour of Power session this month was performed via the ZOOM video conference platform and was a presentation by Jack, KN4VSS presenting an excellent review of the NanoVNA. Jack discussed the history and available models, instructions on the calibration and use, and some notes on available software.

Special Note: The 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 40 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, said it was good to see everyone in these difficult times and thanked Jack for his HOP program.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM had posted the monthly report on groups.io and noted the complexity associated with the bank only allowing one deposit a month vs funds in PayPal.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F, indicated the meeting minutes report was online. Both reports were accepted.
- Director Dino, KLOS, reported the daily "Coffee and Radio" net on the '76 repeater had a big roster with 34 check-ins after the hurricane.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, indicated she had received 28 new QSL cards with lots of notes of thanks.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP reported that classes are still in limbo.
- Special Events coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF, reported that the Yorktown event may not be able to setup in the normal location and might be at the Waterman's Museum working with Randy (WB7URZ).
- Kerry, NH2A, discussed VE session plans for an August 19 session which will be a closed session requiring registration with him. He expects to maintain social distancing requirements and safety precautions. He is following new developments in electronic filing and remote testing.
- Welcome POC Rick, AK4MV, announced we have added a new member, KO4ENU, Steve.
- ARES Chris, KC4CMR, and Chuck, AI4WU reported very little EOC contact in the County and City. Chuck indicated neither EOC was activated for the storm. Both described some of the precautions and procedures and there was discussion about how communications might take place during the pandemic situation. There was mention that hotels might be used instead of the normal shelters if needed.
- Community events: Kerry, NH2A, mentioned the only event still on the possible list is the December Bush Christmas town Dash.

Announcements:

- > Toby highlighted the Lighthouse event scheduled for August 22-23 and Bryan, NIOP will be working at Old Point Comfort with Jerome and Wally.
- > The Library will still be closed for our September meeting so it will have to be on Zoom also.
- > The club had 22 log submissions for the Field Day 2020 event.
- > There are discussions about a Juneteenth event for 2021 on June 19, which would be operated like the 13 Colonies event and we have been invited to participate. Toby is following up and will provide more information as it is available.
- > The annual review of club finances will still be performed.
- > The board is reviewing possible proxy voting plans for the January club officer election.
- > The board has developed a policy for permission to use the club logo and to use the club call sign for events. Call sign use requests would be submitted to the special event coordinator.
- > Dave, AJ4XV, mentioned the storage on the groups.io site and recommended that presentations and attachments that are stored there be downloaded as desired so they can be deleted after one month to conserve space.

Our program was presented by Chuck, AI4WU. He reviewed the club battery project: WHAT, WHY, and HOW, discussing the new Lithium Iron Phosphate LiFePO4 batteries the club has invested in and Chuck has assembled. He described the concepts, the options for commercial purchase, and the advantages of a DIY project he has completed.

Attendees:

AH6P	Dennis	K4MI	Will	KN4KXI	Francine	KO4EZI	Loren
AI4QQ	John	K4MRO	Michael	KN4MTF	Mike	KT4JB	John
AI4WU	Chuck	K8LF	Jerom	KN4SKJ	Rex	NH2A	Kerry
AI4XI	Bill	KB4PAT	Pattie	KN4UPM	Peter	NK0S	Hutch
AJ4RS	Rob	KC4CMR	Chris	KN4VSS	Jack	No Call	Tracia
AJ4XV	Dave	KC4IRL	Mike	KN4YQV	Robert	NR4C	Bill
AK4MV	Rick	KH2FX	Anita	KN4ZLV	Ron	W4ONH	Owen
K3RM	Greg	KL0S	Dino	KN4ZME	Fred	WA3RWP	Wally
K4CEF	Cynthia	KL0SS	Toby	KN4ZMF	Kent	WB7URZ	Randy
K4JST	Gil	KM4YSN	Randy	KO4ENU	Steve	WG4F	Dan

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