



## WAARC August 8, 2023 meeting minutes

Both the Hour of Power session and general meeting were performed via ZOOM video and in-person at the JCC Bruton Fire Station. The HOP was presented by Dino, KL0S, on Amateur Radio Working DX. Dino explained the term DX and why it is fun, challenging, and rewarding. He also provided leads to additional resources.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order via ZOOM. There were 52 attending. He reminded all of the need for members to run for officer elections in January. Jack also noted the plastic donations resulting in two benches already completed and a third in progress.

- Vice President Donna, KD2FYX, was not able to attend but Jack provided a quick overview of the STEM committee progress. Committee and grant documents are on the club groups.io site, including the interim report.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported on the club funds with the reports available on the groups.io site. There is a report on the club funds and a report on the ARRL Grant funds.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F: the meeting minutes were posted on the club web and groups.io sites.
- Director Chuck, AI4WU: turned to Robert, KE4JDY, to announce the Tidewater Swap meet.
- Robert, KN4UUT, for community events, (from Maine) described the Patriots Triathlon event which will be Sept 9-10.
- Joe, W4YVA, discussed the VE coordinator activity. There were two recent mini sessions producing one new Extra upgrade (Steve, K4PQL) and one new technician. There will be an open session November 4 and possibly a post class session October 27. Joe reminded all that a pop-up mini session can be arranged on demand.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, discussed the proposed General License Upgrade class and the need for at least four to enroll by September 1.
- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF: the Yorktown Special Event will be on October 28.
- Barbara, WZ4BRB, Activities coordinator and Food Committee chair, described plans for the next YL's and Friends monthly lunch held on the third Thursday of the month and other club eating opportunities. She also reported on the Field Day food Committee equipment needs. The Club Picnic is being planned for October. (And we all thanked Mark, KQ4JFM, for the donuts at the meeting and Barbara for other refreshments).
- Jack discussed a few meeting program plans. He also invited other programs ideas.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Chris commented on the VOPEX exercise.

Jack gave a few brief comments and overview of a proposed high power commercial use of HF frequencies near amateur bands. Will, K4MI, announced the MPARC program for September will be a virtual tour of the W1AW station, starting at 6:30pm on September 5.

Our program was presented by Kerry, NH2A, on DSTAR – Introduction and getting started. Kerry gave a brief overview of different digital modes of voice communications and then expanded on DSTAR methods. He also discussed some equipment and even provided a live demonstration.

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	KC4CMR	Chris	KO4UJS	Heiko	NK0S	Hutch
AI4WU	Chuck	KD4NIV	Rick	KO4UOR	Scott	no call	Harvey
AJ4RS	Bob	KD4SGC	Mari Ann	KO4WWJ	Michael	no call	Desiree
AJ4XV	Dave	KE4JDY	Robert	KO4YFE	Robert	NP2MM	Bob
K3RM	Greg	KE4WMF	Scott	KQ4BEE	Karen	W4DSR	Dave
K4APR	Jason	KF4CJQ	Thea	KQ4JFM	Mark	W4NYS	Bob
K4CEF	Cynthia	KH2FX	Anita	KY4DZ	Dennis	W4RWP	Ray
K4JST	Gil	KK4R	Rob	KY4EA	Jack	W4YSN	Randy
K4MI	Will	KL0S	Dino	N1PAX	Robert	W4YVA	Joe
K5KTP	Keith	KL0SS	Toby	N2OP	Bob	WA3RWP	Wally
K8LF	Jerome	KN4UUT	Robert	N7MXK	Peter	WB5LFS	Marcus
KB4PAT	Patti	KN4ZME	Fred	NH2A	Kerry	WG4F	Dan
KC3PCS	Scott	KO4JPR	DJ	NI0P	Brian	WZ4BRB	Babara

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