



WAARC August 15, 2017 meeting minutes

President Bobby, N5VCU, called the meeting to order and welcomed all. There were 18 attending. Vice President Will (K4MI) was not present but sent word he is looking for ideas or volunteers for the program for the next meeting in September.

Treasurer Ted (W3TB) was not able to attend but the report was posted in the group files directory. Secretary Dan (WG4F) said the prior meeting minutes were posted on the web site and group files. The two reports were approved as posted. Dan mentioned the check for the proceeds from the equipment sale from Don, W4RDL/sk has been mailed to Mrs. Curtis. Director Bill (NR4C) said the next special event would be at Yorktown in October on the third Saturday (Oct 21). He also announced the Saturday breakfast at Jimmy's and that the code class was suspended until fall. He announced a PVRC chapter dinner meeting at Victoria's on the second Monday the 11th. Bill then mentioned the open house and picnic at the contesting station in Fredericksburg (NR4M) on September 30. If interested in a group attending, contact Bill. It starts at noon and the plan would be to go up and back in the same day. The NAQSO Party SSB was mentioned for the coming weekend.

There was brief discussion on the National Park Senior Pass price increase and where to get a pass. Chris (KC4CMR) talked about the next event which is the Triathlon scheduled September 9 and 10.

Bobby (N4VCU) gave some information on the coming eclipse August 21. He then discussed the Board's decision to present an increase in club dues from \$20 to \$30 per year which would be voted on at the annual meeting in January, per the Bylaws. The club will incur additional expenses in the coming year for the rent for the meeting room, increasing from \$120/year to \$360/year. While still a good price, it is a budget issue. With better food for the annual picnic and Field Day came additional costs for the club and the club insurance is a new expense since the dues were established. With roughly 80 annual paid memberships, and the treasury at an all-time low, this increase will help offset these increases. Also mentioned was the possibility of contributions for food at Field Day. A question was asked about paying dues before the January meeting. It was suggested that only new member dues would be accepted before January.

Marcus (WB5LFS) gave an overview on Skywarn and the Network Control Operator activities and needs. He discussed information available at the WX4AKQ.org web site, spotting activity and how to make good reports, and the certifications for both spotters and NCOs. He was planning a training session for NCOs on Saturday August 26.

Ed (K1NUH) deferred his "Blast from the Past" to provide time for the program. He had some RG58u cable for sale and some batteries for Yaesu handheld radios.

Our program was provided by John (AI4QQ) with information on the Amelia Earhart around the world flight, with details on the search for the plane, radio information and history, and current stories.

Attendees:

AB1AX	Tom		K1NUH	Ed		N5VCU	Bobby
AI4QQ	John		K8LF	Jerome		no call	John
AI4WU	Chuck		K9JBL	John		NR4C	Bill
AJ4RS	Bob		KC4CMR	Chris		NU4I	Ken
AJ4XV	Dave		KG4SMV	Steve		WB5LFS	Marcus
AK4XH	Martin		KU4FO	Carl		WG4F	Dan

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