



WAARC December 10, 2024 meeting minutes

Both the Hour of Power (HOP) and the general meeting were presented via ZOOM video and in person at the JCC Bruton Fire Station. The HOP was a Holiday Celebrations hospitality event. President Kerry, NH2A, called the general meeting to order at 7:02 pm. He welcomed visitors, new members, and existing members. 30 members attended in person. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by motion and vote. The treasurer's report was posted on the Groups.io website and there were no comments.

Kerry presented Field Day 2024 results as published in the December QST magazine. WAARC, a class 3A club station, achieved 1354 QSO's. 134 participants was the second highest of the Field Day stations. WAARC was fifth of 16 Virginia stations, with 6842 total points and 36th overall out of 336 3A stations.

Old Business:

1. WAARC 50th Anniversary Challenge Coin

In order to commemorate the 50th Anniversary in 2025, a commemorative coin with the Club logo is being considered. After some discussion, Jack KY4EA moved to provide \$600 in funds, later increased to \$700, for the purchase of the coin to be available for members to purchase. Some discussed embroidered logos on shirts and hats, also. There was a question concerning still active original club members. Steve, KQ4NFI, eventually seconded Jack's motion

2. JCC Bruton Volunteer Fire Department Donation

The possibility of donating \$150 to the VFD discussion continued, culminating in a motion by Donna, KO4GLO moving and Jack, KY4EA seconding. The donation will be in January 2025, may or may not be a yearly donation and will probably not be increased beyond \$150.

New Business:

1. Election for WAARC 2025 officers

A call for candidates and nominations resulted in Will, K4MI announcing for Vice President

2. ARES report:

Chuck, AI4WU had nothing to report. Chris, KC4CMR reported that the Warhill HS Auxiliary Gym in an emergency shelter. In an activated emergency, the gym is fortified and has a generator, among other necessities. The antenna on the roof for amateur radio operations is in progress.

Announcements, discussions, and comments:

- ✓ Christmastown Dash at Busch Gardens: Robert KN4UUT organized the event for WAARC, with 16 members providing communications. There were 2300 participants, as reported by Flat Out Events, the organizer for the 8k. Their radios did not arrive, so they relied upon WAARC to provide information.
- ✓ YL & Friends luncheon went to Peace Hill Farm for High Tea in December.
- ✓ January 18, 2025 is the WAARC Annual banquet, featuring the KB4ZIN award presentation.

- ✓ Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Hamfest is February 1, 2025, 9 am to 4 pm at the Moose Lodge, 6565 Moose Drive in Gloucester.
- ✓ Winter Heat starts December 31, 2024 at 1900 and ends January 31, 2025 at 1900.
- ✓ License Exam Session to be held on January 18, 2025 at the Charles City County Volunteer Fire Department, 7100 Aiken Road, Charles City County at 9 am.
- ✓ Upcoming events for WAARC volunteers to provide communications: Contact Robert, KN4UUT to volunteer
 - February 15, 2025 Colonial Half Marathon
 - March 22, 2025 Providence Classical School 5k
 - May 4, 2025 Busch Gardens Food & Wine 5k
 - May 31 and June 1, 2025 Bike MS

The business meeting was adjourned by Kerry at 7:59 pm. The program concerning DMR was presented by Jack, KY4EA and was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted, Donna KO4GLO. Please send any corrections or additions to quiltinpielady@gmail.com or Dan (WG4F). Thanks, Donna, for filling in for me.