



WAARC December 11, 2018 meeting minutes

The “Hour of Power” before the meeting was a presentation by Rick, AK4MV, on “Tools for the electronics beginner” providing a review of basic tools for beginning project work. He also provided good safety information and references for some items.

The general meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 35 attending. President Dino, KL0S, called the meeting to order and welcomed all. He then read a letter of appreciation for the JCC Bruton Volunteer Fire Department for their support in providing their excellent facility for our General License class and presented Chief Murdock and President Michael Powers (KN4KXO) with a club logo patch and the letter of appreciation. The “Brag Can” was passed around and all introduced themselves.

Vice President Chuck (AI4WU) indicated he would need programs for the coming meetings. Treasurer Ted’s (W3TB) last report was posted on the groups.io site. Newly elected replacement Treasurer Greg (K3RM) worked with Ted, Ed (K1NUH), and Kerry (NH2A) in the turnover review and transfer. Dino then read a letter of appreciation for Ted’s service as treasurer for the past six years. Secretary Dan (WG4F) reported that the minutes from the prior meeting were posted to the web and groups sites and both reports were approved. Bill (NR4C) (not able to attend) wanted all to be thinking about the annual KB4ZIN award nominations. If there is one this year, it will be announced at the annual dinner. QSL manager Toby (KL0SS) reported there were no new cards received since the last meeting but she did send the special event certificate to one visually handicapped ham that has contacted the events. Wally (WA3RWP) reiterated his thanks for the use of the JCC Bruton facility. He and Dino discussed another Technician license class next year with plans to schedule it on Saturdays with longer sessions for those working during the week. The possibility of an Extra upgrade study session format was also mentioned.

The food committee Anita (KH2FX), Toby (KL0SS), Michael (K4MRO) and Thea (KF4CJQ) announced the club annual dinner will be Saturday January 26 at Anna’s Brick Oven. The cost is expected to be \$29.95 plus tax and gratuity. The menu is available on the groups.io posting and Bill (NR4C) has setup an RSVP email.

Chris (KC4CMR) mentioned that some ARES ID badges would expire at the end of the year and see him for updates. He thanked those who helped with the BUSH Christmas Dash which had about 2500 participants for the 8k.

There was a quick calendar review and mention of lunch Wednesday at Anna’s and the Saturday breakfast. Also mentioned were the YL’s net (and friends) which is now on the 76 repeater on Sunday evening at 7:00pm (OM’s are welcome). The KL0S pre-FrostFest buy/sell session will be January 19. The NAQSO Party on SSB is also that day. The January Annual club meeting will have elections for officers. The nominating committee of Kerry (NH2A), Dave (AJ4XV), and Toby (KL0SS) will accept any nominations (there was a secret nomination box at the December meeting). Kerry announced the current officers have agreed to run again.

It was mentioned that Dino (KL0S) has an article on ESD protection in QST (Jan 2019) and it is available for free digital download.

Dino indicated there is still work to be done for a newcomer welcome packet and we have many of the club trifold handouts that won't be reprinted with the old "W" logo. Dino indicated he and Toby were making a donation of the ARRL book set to the library. This set includes the Handbook and other useful books for hams, new and old.

Our program was a presentation by Gil, K4JST, showing an O.S.S transmitter he received from the person who used it through 1942 in France behind German lines. He described the unit, how it was used, and mentioned its companion receiver which was used as little as possible. He provided some history about the creator of the unit and the later developments by the creator.

Attendees:

AF4QG	Jim		K4MI	Will		KN4JRH	Dwight
AI4QQ	John		K4WBG	Bob		KN4KXK	Jay
AI4WU	Chuck		K8LF	Jerome		KN4QXQ	Jim
AJ4XV	Dave		K9JBL	John		KT4JB	John
AK4MV	Rick		KC4CMR	Chris		NH2A	Kerry
AK4XH	Martin		KC4HYO	Ed		no call	Leslie
K1NUH	Ed		KF4CJQ	Thea		no call	Bill
K3MEV	Marie		KJ4TJI	Tom		W3TB	Ted
K3RM	Greg		KK4OXB	Jeff		WA3RWB	Wally
K4CEF	Cynthia		KL0S	Dino		WA4LMG	Bill
K4JST	Gil		KL0SS	Toby		WB4AHD	Warren
			KM4YSN	Randy		WG4F	Dan

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