



WAARC February 8, 2022, meeting minutes

The Hour of Power session and meeting this month were performed via the ZOOM video conference platform. The HOP was a presentation by Dave, W4DSR on HOA Antennas. Dave showed us his prior extensive antenna setup before coming to an HOA in Virginia and then showed his solutions for the restrictions he has now using attic antennas. He had lots of photos showing the issues and his solutions, and explained the factors and equipment involved.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 53 attending. He thanked Toby, KLOSS for her donation of the door prizes for this meeting. Jack then described the KB4ZIN award and the history of the new recipient of the award. Because of the ZOOM meeting, he showed a video made of his presentation of the award to Wally, WA3RWP. Jack also recognized the accomplishments of our past president, Toby, KLOSS, noting her success in keeping the club alive and vibrant during the challenge of COVID. A screen share of Dino, KL0S, presenting the plaque to Toby was viewed by all.

- Vice President Donna, KO4GLO, reminded all to be sure to update their ZOOM software to keep up with bug fixes and new features. She also gave a plug for the YL and Friends weekly net.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported on expenses for the club for the live video project and instructor patches and the income from member dues. He also mentioned dues for 2022 could be paid via PayPal on the club k4rc.net web.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F, reported the January meeting minutes were on the club web and groups.io sites and the minutes of the first board meeting of the year were on the groups.io site.
- Director Chuck, AI4WU, gave an update on progress on the live video project, with most equipment delivered and plans for a first setup test session.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, reported no new cards.
- Rick, AK4MV, gave a new member report and introductions. In the last two months we have seven new members.
- Kerry, NH2A discussed the first VE session of 2022, a mini popup session, with the upgrade posted by the FCC the next day. The next regular scheduled session is planned for the spring coordinated with the next license classes.
- Bob, KN4UUT, working on community events, discussed the events for the year with the February 19 Half Marathon the next event.

- Training coordinator and our POTA coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, reported on the next license classes to be held at the JCC Bruton Fire station starting April 18. There will be a Technician License class on Tuesdays and Fridays and a General upgrade class on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:30pm with a test session planned for June 4.
- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF, reported she has contacted the ARRL for the QST announcements of our three special events, May 14 for Jamestown, July 2 for Colonial Williamsburg, and October 15 for Yorktown. The application for National Park Service permission is in progress.
- Activities coordinator Barbara, KN4ZMD, indicated activities had been on hold due to COVID but hoped they could return in the spring. Pass any ideas to Barbara.
- Program coordinator Jack, KY4EA, has started to line up programs for the year and is looking for someone to take over the scheduling role. The March meeting will include an Hour of Power on emergency communications and a program on getting started with LOTW.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Chuck discussed the city EOC temporary logistics at the municipal building and the impact on any ARES activations that might come up. Chris mentioned his plans for the March Hour of Power presentation on emergency communications tailored to local communications and also mentioned the use of WinLink.

Announcements and Business:

> Calendar review and Activities were mentioned: nets, breakfast, and lunch.

> Tracy, K4RVR, will become the new NCO coordinator for the daily Coffee and Radio net.

Barbara, KN4ZMD, continues to coordinate the YL and Friends Net.

> Jack indicated his hope that the March meeting could take place in person. He outlined the plan for the use of the library facility under their new time limits would include a social time of 5:00pm to 6:00pm for general conversation, and the meeting from 6:00pm to the new 8:00pm closing time. The HOP could be a different day via ZOOM (4th Tuesday). He also noted that when replying to a groups.io email, you should eliminate any attachments that were in the prior posting to help with space. He mentioned a couple of options for the space concerns that are possible. One is increasing our current subscription at the provider, and another is using outside storage. Will, K4MI, noted that increasing the service subscription to the next level would allow better calendar service and eliminate the need for his private calendar use. Dave, AJ4XV, suggested a committee review the options and make a recommendation.

Our program was presented by Jack, KY4EA, on Digital Communication Hot Spots. Jack discussed the terms, types and formats, equipment, pros, and cons. He covered hardware, software, and various options for getting started. There was a lot of information on this extensive topic.

Door Prizes provided by past President Toby, KLOSS, were then awarded via random selection. A Baofeng HT was won by Robert, KN4UUT. Dave, W4DSR, won the ARRL Handbook, and Bill, N4WTL, won the ARRL Introduction to Morse Code book and CD. You have to be present to win and several members missed their chance!

Attendees:

AD4VR	Carl	K4MI	Will	KN4AVP	Chuck	KY4EA	Jack
AI4KJ	Dan	K8LF	Jerome	KN4UUT	Bob	N1LO	Mark
AI4QQ	John	KA3OZF	Rodney	KN4ZLV	Ron	N1PAX	Robert
AI4WU	Chuck	KB4PAT	Patti	KN4ZMD	Barbara	N2OP	Bob
AJ4IX	Bill	KC4CMR	Chris	KN4ZME	Fred	N4WTL	Bill
AJ4RS	Bob	KD2FYX	Donna	KO4ENU	Steve	NH2A	Kerry
AJ4XV	Dave	KD4NIV	Rick	KO4GLO	Donna	NK0S	Hutch
AK4MV	Rick	KD4ZVD	John	KO4NKJ	Joe	NY4B	Jay Iphone?
AK4XH	Martin	KE4WMF	Scott	KO4PFV	Tonya	W1RVR	Ron
K3MEV	Marie	KE7ZRK	Ken	KO4PQL	Steve	W4DMZ	Steve
K3RM	Greg	KH2FX	Anita	KO4UOR	Scott	W4DSR	David
K4CEF	Cynthia	KL0S	Dino	KO4VDA	Randall	W4YSN	Randy
K4JST	Gil	KL0SS	Toby	KY4DZ	Dennis	WA3RWP	Wally
						WG4F	Dan

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