

## Meeting Minutes January 9, 2018 WAARC Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by President Bobby N5VCU. The group began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by greetings and introductions. There were no new hams present.

Vice-President report: The January meeting Program is about the maidenhead grid square locator system, organized by Ted W3TB and Will K4MI.

Treasurer's Report: both the November and December reports were uploaded to the Yahoo group. There is also a year-end report and a draft of the 2018 budget prepared. No dues have been collected for 2018, due to a pending motion to increase dues. This is reflected in the reports. The year-end report also includes revenue from the sales of gear from silent key estates in 2016 and 2017, which was paid out in 2017. This is strictly pass-through accounting, no money was added to or taken out of the treasury.

Bill NR4C made a motion to increase club dues to \$25 per year, with the proportionate increase of dues for families increased to \$37.50 and hams licensed for 50 or more years to \$12.50. The motion was seconded by Chuck AI4WU. President Bobby N5VCU called the motion to a vote, with a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Secretary's report: Dan WG4F was not in attendance due to being under the weather. He has posted the December minutes on the Yahoo group and the web site. Will K4MI passed around a sheet for attendance, and is taking minutes in Dan's absence.

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports as posted to the Yahoo group. Vote was in favor of the motion.

Director at Large: Bill NR4C spoke briefly about the two North American QSO Party contests coming up. The CW version will take place January 13-14, and the SSB version is January 20-21. Both contests run for 12 hours, from 1pm Saturday to 1am Sunday. The exchange for both is your name and state.

QSL Manager: Toby KLOSS passed around a copy of the new K4RC QSL card for the benefit of any new members or ones that haven't seen it. She also brought some cards the club has received from the special events, as well as some of the extras that were included with a few of them. Toby reminded everyone that stations who make contact with the three Historic Triangle special event stations are eligible for a certificate, and they should contact her with the QSO information.

ARES Report: Chris KC4CMR is working on plans for upcoming events. The William and Mary half marathon is February 25, and the Hike for Hospice will be on April 28. More info on each will be announced as the events get closer. Chris has also been working on getting new ARES badges for those with expired badges. Anyone that needs one or who has an expired badge should contact him to get one made. Chuck AI4WU had nothing to add from Williamsburg ARES.

President Bobby posted the list of events from 2017 and asked for updates for 2018. The updated list will be posted to the Yahoo group and the club web site.

#### Items of Interest:

Bill NR4C presented a proposal for the Jim Bailey Memorial Award, in honor of KB4ZIN (SK). This proposal was developed by himself, along with Ted W3TB, Dino KL0S, Chuck AI4WU, and Ed K1NUH. The award is intended to recognize a club member that has contributed to the advancement of ham radio in the Williamsburg area from the previous year. The award will be presented at the annual dinner in February, and does not have to be presented each year. The club president would select a nominating committee that is responsible for collecting nominations and choosing one to receive the award. Each nomination should include a narrative justifying why the nominee should be recognized.

A motion was made by Bill to make this an official award and make it the responsibility of the club to administer. Dave AJ4XV asked that the motion be tabled until the details are fully fleshed out. He wanted to be sure everything was done right before it was put to vote. Chuck AI4WU noted that if this is to be incorporated in the club by-laws the motion would have to be carried over to next year's business meeting.

Ted W3TB added that while the details should be carefully thought out, it should be done quickly as this would be the first dinner since Jim passed away, and it would be a timely occasion to honor him. Don N4DJ suggested that the motion be put to vote with the understanding of the details being finalized by committee.

Jeff KK4OXB made an amended motion to propose the award, allocate the money necessary to establish it for 2018, and the details would be presented at the February meeting. Chuck AI4WU seconded the amended motion. Upon a call to vote the motion was approved unanimously.

Ed K1NUH presented a blast from the past on about the Great Halifax Explosion special event. 2017 was the 100th anniversary of the explosion, the biggest man-made explosion until the Hiroshima nuclear attack. Ed talked a little about the explosion, as well as the special event station CK100VDA which commemorated the anniversary.

The last order of business was the election of officers for 2018. The slate of nominations for 2018 are as follows:

President: Dino Papas KL0S (Bobby N5VCU rescinded his nomination before the meeting)

Vice President: Chuck White AI4WU and Will Hrachovina K4MI

Secretary: Dan Ewart WG4F

Treasurer: Ted Edwards W3TB

Director at Large: Bill Conkling NR4C

Nominations were open to the floor, with none being made.

Due to the contested nature of the Vice President position ballots were passed out for members to choose their candidate. They were collected and tallied during the break, with Chuck AI4WU being elected as Vice President for 2018. The rest of the slate was approved by unanimous vote.

After the break Ted W3TB gave a short program on the maidenhead locator system, followed by Will K4MI briefly talking about the 2018 ARRL Grid Chase operating event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. The next club meeting will be held on February 13, 2018.

List of Attendees:

Tom Collis	AB1AX	Jerome Svinicki	K8LF	Carl Pearson	KU4FO
Jim Hartselle	AF4QG	John Ludwig	K9JBL	Don Johnson	N4DJ
John Hale	AI4QQ	Greg Pula	KC3JCQ	Dave Meier	N4MW
Chuck White	AI4WU	Chris Courson	KC4CMR	Bobby Hall	N5VCU
Bob Spiller	AJ4RS	Ed Good	KC4HYO	Bill Conkling	NR4C
Dave Shantz	AJ4XV	Tom Haggler	KJ4TJI	Ken Moorman	NU4I
Art Latimer	AJ4XW	Jeff Molloy	KK4OXB	Ted Edwards	W3TB
Rick Garfield	AK4MV	Dino Papas	KL0S	Gray Reid	W4NGR
Will Hrachovina	K4MI	Toby Papas	KL0SS	Wally Frank	WA3RWP
		Randy Altona	KM4YSN	Jack Gilliland	WD2AHA

Guests:

Ron Newton KE6JMA  
Anita Hofferth KH2FX  
Kerry Hofferth NH2A