



## WAARC January 09, 2024 meeting minutes

Both the Hour of Power session and general meeting were performed via ZOOM video and in-person at the JCC Bruton Fire Station. The HOP was presented by Jack, KY4EA showing items useful in field operations. He showed everything from a vertical antenna to cases to transport the radio.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 61 attending. It was determined that a quorum was present (in person plus Zoom) so the election could be undertaken. Since there were no contested positions on the slate of nominations and nominations were closed after the December meeting, Jack declared the slate elected. The new president is Kerry, NH2A, and the new Director at Large is Gil, K4JST. The remaining officers are the same continuing in their position: Vice President: Donna, KD2FYX, Treasurer: Greg, K3RM, and Secretary: Dan, WG4F.

Jack thanked Sparky, KY4DZ, the chair of the KB4ZIN Award committee and the Committee members: Toby, KL0SS, Fred, KN4ZME, Rhona, KI4IZF, and Ron, KN4ZLV for their work. The committee has completed its task. The award will be announced at the club annual dinner.

Jack provided information about a free online Extra license upgrade class provided by K3RA, Rol Anders beginning Jan 18. Email [roland.anders@comcast.net](mailto:roland.anders@comcast.net) to register. Jack also noted Winterfest, sponsored by the Vienna Wireless Society will be March 10 at Oakton High School. See [viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest](http://viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest) for details. Jack then described three possible Builders projects and passed signup sheets for those who might be interested. Zoom attendees should email Jack at [jack.espinal@cox.net](mailto:jack.espinal@cox.net). The three projects were: Digital mode hot spot, Yagi antenna, and a surface mount soldering kit.

Vice President Donna, KD2FYX, discussed some ideas for organizing and extracting the wealth of information within the groups.io site. She also said she was pleased to have some members interested in learning about using some of the STEM equipment purchased with the ARRL Grant funds. A transmitter hunt (fox hunt) is planned for a group of students (middle and high school) in Richmond.

Treasurer Greg, K3RM, presented the proposed budget plan for the new year. It is available on the groups.io site and compares the past year budget and actual funds and the new budget plan. The membership accepted the proposed budget. Greg also gave a review of the ARRL grant funds noting the small amount that will need to be returned to the ARRL since it was not spent within the Grant term. Greg also indicated that club dues for 2024 could be paid via PayPal or check or cash. Greg mentioned that the ARRL affiliated club renewal forms had not been

updated for the new year so he will be holding off on any ARRL membership renewal processing.

Secretary Dan, WG4F, thanked Kerry for filling in and doing the minutes for the December meeting and they are on both the groups.io files site and the club web site.

Director Chuck, AI4WU, had nothing to report.

QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, indicated she had 3 QSL cards and one certificate going out.

Robert, KN4UUT, for community events: the next event will be the February 17 Colonial Half Marathon event. Volunteers are needed. There will also be a PCS Patriot Perseverance 5K event March 23. Contact Robert via [rgshea96789@yahoo.com](mailto:rgshea96789@yahoo.com) to sign up.

Welcome manager Rick, AK4MV, was not available but Jack mentioned one new member, Andrew, KJ6YJR.

Joe, W4YVA, discussed the VE coordinator activity. There was a mini session before the meeting to provide a license test for five people and everyone passed a test. Joe indicated there is some thought concerning a more regular schedule for test sessions before meetings. And he reminded all that a pop-up mini session can be arranged on demand.

Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF: reported the dates for the 2024 three Special Event stations: Jamestown on May 11, Colonial Williamsburg on July 6 and Yorktown on October 19.

Barbara, WZ4BRB, Activities coordinator and Food Committee chair, was not able to attend but Jack passed the word on the next YL's and Friends monthly lunch held on the third Thursday of the month and other club eating opportunities. And the club Banquet will be January 20 with a deadline for RSVP by January 14.

ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Chuck had no updates. Chris discussed the weather monitoring stations in the county and mentioned the ARES ID cards he provides.

Jack gave an advance overview of possible programs for the coming months. And if you have ideas or can make a presentation, let Jack know.

Our program was presented by Jack, KY4EA, on Nikola Tesla and the development of Radio, Part 1. Jack covered Tesla's background and others who influenced him or his work including physics developments, electromagnetic radiation, and remote control. Jack gave an extensive look into Tesla and his accomplishments. He concluded with a demonstration of the Tesla Coil.

Attendees:

AI4WU	Chuck		KH2FX	Anita		KO4WJU	Wes		N8VBN	Andrea
AJ4RS	Bob		KI4IZF	Rhona		KO4WWJ	Michael		NH2A	Kerry
AJ4XV	Dave		KJ6YJR	Andrew		KQ4BEE	Karen		NI0P	Brian
K3RM	Greg		KK4R	Rob		KQ4JDG	George		NK0S	Hutch
K4CEF	Cynthia		KL0S	Dino		KQ4JOP	Evelyn		no call	Jim
K4MI	Will		KL0SS	Toby		KQ4KRR	Greg		W0CSZ	Tricia
K4OBZ	Peter		KM4DOF	Tom		KQ4LTR	Abby		W1RVR	Ron
K4PQL	Steve		KM4INA	Pedro		KQ4MPH	Martin		W4NYS	Bob
K8LF	Jerome		KN4KXO	Mike		KY4DZ	Dennis		W4RWP	Ray
KB4IQU	Leah		KN4UUT	Robert		KY4EA	Jack		W4YSN	Randy
KB4PAT	Patti		KN4ZLV	Ron		N1PAX	Robert		W4YVA	Joe
KC3PCS	Scott		KO4ENU	Steve		N2OP	Bob		W8BC	Bill
KC4CMR	Chris		KO4GLN	Kenzie		N4NOV	Arron		WA3RWP	Wally
KD2FYX	Donna		KO4JPR	DJ		N4WTL	Bill		WD3O	David
KE4WMF	Scott		KO4UJS	Heiko		N7MXK	Peter		WG4F	Dan
									WZ4BRB	Babara

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