



WAARC July 9, 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, on some building projects. Jack discussed the planned battery build and showed optional additional components. Jack also described other projects including a shack clock kit, a CW transceiver, and a CW decoder.

President Kerry, NH2A, called the general meeting to order. He welcomed visitors and new members. There were 62 attending. Bob, KE4JDY, gave an announcement of the Tidewater Area HamFest in Portsmouth on August 10. The minutes from the last meeting (posted on the groups.io site and the club web site) were approved by motion and vote. The logs from Field Day and the Jamestown event have been uploaded to LOTW. The treasurer's report was posted on the Groups.io web site. Kerry reported he believed our Field Day was the best ever Field Day.

Vice President Donna, KD2FYX, discussed the STEM committee summer camp and meeting plans.

Old business: Donna, KO4GLO, asked for an update on the Waterman's Museum station. Jack gave a brief update on the internet connection and equipment location. Jack indicated the need for drafting procedures for remote operation of the station once it is complete. It was suggested that Jack address the next board meeting with further updates. Jack is looking for volunteers to help draft procedures. Kerry commented that the MOU with the museum has expired, and the limited space provided for the station. Via Zoom, W4DSR volunteered to edit procedures.

New business: There was discussion about a battery powered fan for events.

ARES reports: Chuck, AI4WU, reported on antenna work at the Williamsburg EOC. Chris, KC4CMR, discussed the JCC Warhill High School auxiliary gym that will be used as an emergency shelter.

Kerry presented highlights from Field Day, including the special awards presented, brief statistics, a special thanks to the food committee, and to the anonymous donation to fund the food. Kerry also reported on the Colonial Williamsburg Special Event with 40 50 attendees and 6 operators. The next special event will be the Yorktown event on October 19. A setup training session is planned with K4MI and AJ4XV as team leads. The Special Event Operator certificate was awarded to Cynthia, K4CEF, and Barbara, WZ4BRB. Will had picked up some of the Virginia QSO Party certificates and they were distributed. Kevin, KQ4JEE, was presented a certificate for his first NCO operation on the Coffee and Radio net.

Community Events: The next event will be the Triathlon on September 7-8. Contact KN4UUT to volunteer to help.

Joe, W4YVA reported on license testing sessions. Donna, KD2FYX, upgraded to Extra in a popup session after a breakfast at Sandy's. At Field Day, Anita, KH2FX upgraded to Extra and Javier, KQ4PLF, updated to General. Joe also reported that the ARRL exam results are now processing smoothly but the "Find a Test Session" web page is not, and VE credentials are also an issue.

Other announcements: KL0S will have a garage sale July 20. The battery build project will also be July 20. The YL&Friends monthly lunch will be July 28 at Peking and Barbara is always looking for NCO volunteers. The ARRL has a student membership for free. The youth License Grant Program will reimburse the \$35 FCC license fee and the ARRL exam fee is only \$5 (under the age of 18). Kerry has planned a special meeting for October called the SME (Subject Matter Expert) night like has been done in the past. Will announced another MPARC tailgate to be on July 27.

Our program was presented by Chuck, AI4WU, with a Field Day wrap-up. Yes, it was HOT, we had fun, great food, ran 3A, and had lots of success and some ideas for improvement. We had a club record attendance and there were special guests presenting special awards. Our batteries worked well without any need for offline charging. We used Wi-Fi for our entire computer network eliminating the cat-5 cable need and potential RFI issues. Our third full station, the digital station, took the place of the "free" VHF digital station of prior years, raising our class to 3A from the prior 2A level. It appeared to be well received but introduced some concerns for band interference between the three stations. The new pop-up tents were a big help, especially with the public information table setup and presentations. We solved some problems from last year (power for food) and encountered some expected station interference issues to be resolved. Our educational activities were wonderful, and the Silent Key flag line was most impressive. Chuck did make note of some things we can work on for next year to make everything even smoother. Some were logistical, some were operational, and some were for preparation. All will help make Field Day next year even better.

Attendees:

AI4KJ	Dan	KC3PCS	Scott	KO4IUB	Jen	N3FER	Rick
AI4WU	Chuck	KC4CMR	Chris	KO4JPR	DJ	N8VBN	Andrea
AJ4RS	Bob	KD2FYX	Donna	KO4YFE	Robert	NH2A	Kerry
AJ4XV	Dave	KD4SGC	Mari Ann	KQ4DCO	David	NI0P	Bryan
AK4MV	Rick	KE4JDY	Rob	KQ4JEE	Kevin	no call	Katie
K3RM	Greg	KH2FX	Anita	KQ4KIE	Kendra	NY4B	Jaylene
K4CEF	Cynthia	KJ6YJR	Andrew	KQ4KRR	Greg	W4DSR	Dave
K4JST	Gil	KL0S	Dino	KQ4LTR	Abby	W4RWP	Ray
K4MI	Will	KL0SS	Toby	KQ4NFI	Steve	W4YSN	Randy
K4PJN	Philip	KM4SOZ	Laura	KQ4PGF	John	W4YVA	Joe
K4PQL	Steve	KN4UUT	Robert	KQ4RVG	Juliet	W8BC	Bill
K4RVR	Tracy	KN4ZME	Fred	KQ4SQK	Ryan	W9DSE	Russell
K6KTI	Bill	KN9U	Matthew	KY4DZ	Dennis	WA3RWP	Wally
K8LF	Jerome	KO4GLN	Kenzie	KY4EA	Jack	WG4F	Dan
KB4PAT	Patti	KO4GLO	Donna	N0OEP	Sean	WS4BDN	Michael
				N2OP	Bob	WZ4BRB	Barbara

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