



WAARC July 11, 2023 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 a presentation of several show and tell exhibits. Jack, KY4EA, showed a small portable antenna and a CW practice kit and a circuit board holder. Jerome showed some EFHW antenna kits and parts, and there was a boat anchor unit freshly donated for inspection.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 54 attending. He announced the ARRL Grant interim report had been filed and was on the groups.io site. He commended Barbara, WZ4BRB, for a great Field Day Food Committee effort. He then asked for any suggestions for improving meeting content and processing to be sent to him.

- Vice President Donna, KD2FYX, reported that the STEM committee was still at work. Committee documents are on the club groups.io site. She reviewed the Fox Hunt activity at Field Day, and mentioned there may be a Fox Hunt at the Yorktown event.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported on the club funds and that the reports are available on the groups.io site. There is a report on the club funds and a report on the ARRL Grant funds. He explained some of the expenses for both Field Day and the ARRL Grant fund.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F: the meeting minutes were posted on the club web and groups.io sites. He also reported the ARRL Field Day report had been submitted along with the supplemental documentation.
- Director Chuck, AI4WU: no report.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, reported no new cards.
- Rick, AK4MV, welcomed new members.
- Robert, KN4UUT, for community events, reported the Patriots Triathlon event will be Sept 9-10 and gave a quick review of the Bike MS and JCC Capital Colors events.
- Joe, W4YVA, discussed the VE coordinator activity. The spring open session on June 10 produced 11 new HAMS but there was an outage for the FCC License system. Joe reported the new hams now have their call signs. Kerry, NH2A, ran a session at Field Day producing one new license, the granddaughter of Steve (K4PQL). Joe reminded all that a pop-up mini session can be arranged on demand.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, presented certificates of completion for the new licensed class members.
- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF reported on the successful Colonial Williamsburg special event July 1, with setup at the new location and 242 QSOs.
- Barbara, WZ4BRB, Activities coordinator, described plans for the next YL's and Friends monthly lunch held on the third Thursday of the month and other club eating opportunities. She also

reported on the Field Day food Committee, and thanked others for their help (and it was under budget!).

- Jack discussed a few meeting program plans. He also invited other programs and talked about the need for members to consider running for a club office, especially president as Jack will not be running again.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Both discussed the dress rehearsal for the Surry VOPEX exercise and the coming real exercise.

Our program was presented by Chuck, AI4WU for a review / report of the club Field Day operation. Chuck gave an excellent overview of the entire weekend Field Day and noted the things that went well and the places we need to improve. He started with the well-attended Friday morning breakfast before antenna setup (it was a record turnout), then the Saturday morning equipment setup, noting the good and the areas needing improvement, and reviewed operational situations including digital operations. He noted five or six areas for more attention next year, so it will be even better than this year.

Door Prizes were then awarded via random ticket selection. Winners can be from both in-person and ZOOM attendees, but you must be “present/Zoom” to win.

Attendees:

AI4WU	Chuck	K4WBG	Bob	KO4ENU	Steve	KY4EA	Jack
AJ4KJ	Dan	K8LF	Jerome	KO4JPR	DJ	N1PAX	Robert
AJ4XV	Dave	KB4PAT	Patti	KO4UJS	Heiko	N4SOL	Solana
AK4MV	Rick	KC3PCS	Scott	KO4UOR	Scott	N4WTL	Bill
AK4XH	Martin	KC4CMR	Chris	KO4WJU	Wes	N8VBN	Andrea
K1NUH	Ed	KD2FYX	Donna	KQ4BEE	Karen	NH2A	Kerry
K3RM	Greg	KD4NIV	Rick	KQ4DCO	David	NI0P	Brian
K4CEF	Cynthia	KD4SGC	Mari Ann	KQ4JEB	Laurie	W4NYS	Bob
K4JST	Gil	KH2FX	Anita	KQ4JEE	Kevin	W4YSN	Randy
K4MRO	Michael	KL0SS	Toby	KQ4JFL	Ray	W4YVA	Joe
K4OBZ	Peter	KM4DOF	Tom	KQ4JFM	Mark	WA3RWP	Wally
K4PQL	Steve	KN4UUT	Robert	KQ4JFN	Terrence	WB3GLB	Rick
K4RVR	Tracy	KN4ZME	Fred	KQ4JMK	Richard	WG4F	Dan
				KY4DZ	Dennis	WZ4BRB	Babara

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