



WAARC July 12, 2022, meeting minutes

This was a hybrid meeting with both in-person and Zoom attendance. Both the Hour of Power session and meeting this month were performed via ZOOM video and in-person at the JCC Bruton Fire Station. The HOP was a presentation by Jerome, K8LF, on WEB software defined radio receivers. Jerome explained this facility, discussed uses, gave examples of several setups, and provided a live demonstration of several sites. He posted links on the groups.io site.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 59 attending. Dino, KL0S, spoke about Gray Reid, W4NGR/SK. Gray passed away recently and was a long-time ham and member of several clubs including WAARC.

- Vice President Donna, KO4GLO, discussed the certificate for club members who operate at the three special events, beginning with Jamestown 2022. Similar to the existing certificate for those who contact all three event stations, this would recognize club members who support our special events by operating at all three events. Donna explained how the process would proceed with a logbook for operators and opened the floor for discussion. Dino suggested the club provide envelop and mailing expenses for the completed certificate. There was discussion about the design and Donna indicated a committee would continue work on this.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported on the club funds and indicated dues for 2022 should already be paid and the web membership list has been updated. You can contact him if you have a question about your status. He indicated there were some purchases for Field Day, with more to come. Greg also explained the benefits of becoming an ARRL member and the club benefit for new ARRL members to subscribe via the club and the recent ARRL change for existing members to renew via the club. The treasure's report is available on the groups.io site.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F: the June meeting minutes were posted on the club web and groups.io sites. Also, the log of contacts from the Colonial Williamsburg special event has been uploaded to LOTW and the Field Day report has been submitted to the ARRL and the log for Field Day was also posted to LOTW.
- Director Chuck, AI4WU: no report.
- QSL Manager Toby, KL0SS, reported on new cards. She also described the back story for a QSL card for Charlie, the grandson of a local (Bob Bruce) who was instrumental in working with WAARC on the ARISS contact at Berkeley School in 2014. Charlie was at a Cub Scout JOTA event even though he was too young to be a scout. But during our Yorktown event, Charlie was able to make a QSO with K4RC, so Toby was able to send Charlie a QSL card. Who knows, perhaps a future ham.
- Welcoming Manager, Rick, AK4MV, welcomed 11 new members coming to the club from the recent license classes.

- Robert, KN4UUT, working on community events, discussed the events coming up and gave a summary of the MS Bike-a-thon. The next event will be the Patriot's Triathlon September 10-11.
- Kerry, NH2A reported on a pop-up VE session just before the meeting where Mike, KD9VHP upgraded. He also thanked all the VEs who were available for special tests given at Field Day and reminded all that pop-up mini sessions could be scheduled on demand.
- Training coordinator and POTA coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, described a training session he provided at the Colonial Williamsburg special event to help newer hams with the flow and specifics of a special event QSO. He covered what information was important to send as well as normal procedures. He also summarized the success of the WAARC licensing classes with 53 graduates and other statistics. (And he advised all to backup their computers).
- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF, discussed the Yorktown special event planned for October 15 with a location still to be determined. She thanked Joe, W4YVA, for some ideas for locations. Cynthia also gave a review of the Colonial Williamsburg special event. There were 183 QSO's logged and good club attendance. She noted that next year, it might be inside, if possible.
- Activities coordinator Barbara, KN4ZMD, shared new activity plans. A YL's and Friends monthly lunch will be held on the last Thursday of the month (next one July 28 at 11:30 at the Carrot Tree). There will also be a Book/Movie group activity. She also mentioned the free "Music under the Stars" at Fort Eustis on Thursday evenings.
- Program coordinator Jay, K3JAY, was not present but provided an outline of a few coming plans including an HOP on Direction finding antennas by Jay.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Chuck had no news from the city EOC. Chris was not present.

Announcements and Business:

- > Jack presented certificates of appreciation to members of the Food Committee for their tremendous success on providing food for Field Day.
- > Jack then discussed a possible club application for an ARRL club grant concerning a station at the Waterman's Museum. He announced a planned Zoom discussion session on Thursday July 21.
- > Jack mentioned the Builders Group would have a Virtual meeting via Zoom on Saturday July 16 at 11:00.
- > The annual club picnic is scheduled for September 13. It will take the place of the normal meeting.
- > A Tidewater Hamfest will be August 13 in Portsmouth.
- > Jack presented certificates of appreciation to Field Day team coordinators.

Before our program began, special guests Roanoke Division Director Jim, N2ZZ, and Vice Director Bill, N2COP were recognized and Jim gave the surprise news congratulating Dino, KLOS for his ARRL June 2022 QST Cover Award for his article on the IC-705 Go-Box. This is the second time Dino has earned this award, with the first in February 2019.

Our program was presented by Chuck, AI4WU, and was a review of our Field Day efforts. Chuck highlighted the many successes as well as some of the issues that were overcome. He summarized the points earned, the QSO's made, and some things we can improve for next year and new suggestions that have come up.

Door Prizes provided by President Jack, KY4EA, and Tricia, W0CSZ, were then awarded via random ticket selection. A clock kit with case was won by Michael, KO4WWJ. Wally, WA3RWP, won an "Understanding modern_electronics" DVD set from Great Courses. Sparky, KX4DZ won The ARRL "Even more Wire Antenna Classics" book and Tracy, K4RVR, was pleased to take the "Face of Farming" book. Kerry, NH2A, went home with a new K4RC mug donated by Sparky. Winners were from both in-person and ZOOM attendees!

Attendees:

AH6P	Dennis	K4WBG	Bob	KN4ZMD	Barbara	N1PAX	Robert
AI4WU	Chuck	K8LF	Jerome	KN4ZME	Fred	N2COP	Bill
AJ4IX	Bill	KA4PAB	Pat	KO4ENU	Steve	N2OP	Bob
AJ4RS	Bob	KB4PAT	Patti	KO4GLO	Donna	N2ZZ	Jim
AJ4XV	Dave	KD2FYX	Donna	KO4JPR	DJ	N4SOL	Solana
AK4MV	Rick	KD4SGC	Mari Ann	KO4PFV	Tonya	NH2A	Kerry
AK4XH	Martin	KD9VHP	Mike	KO4UJS	Heiko	NI0P	Brian
K1NUH	Ed	KE0CTF	Michael	KO4UOR	Scott	NK0S	Hutch
K3RM	Greg	KE7ZRK	Ken	KO4WWJ	Michael	nocall	Leslie
K4CEF	Cynthia	KH2FX	Anita	KQ4BBN	Michael	W0CSZ	Tricia
K4JST	Gil	KI4VMB	David	KQ4BEE	Karen	W4ONH	Owen
K4MI	Will	KLOS	Dino	KT4JB	John	W4YSN	Randy
K4OBZ	Peter	KL0SS	Toby	KY4DZ	Dennis	WA3RWP	Wally
K4RVR	Tracy	KM4INA	Pedro	KY4EA	Jack	WB3GLB	Rick
		KN4UUT	Bob	N1LO	Mark	WG4F	Dan

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