



WAARC March 14, 2023 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 Gordon, NQ4K, on the Virginia QSO Party. Gordon, from the Sterling Park club which runs this event, presented rule changes and updates and lots of statistics from trends over past events. He also gave a few tips on getting ready and encouraged all to participate and submit their log.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 66 attending. He started the meeting with certificates, one for Donna, KO4GLO, for her service as vice president and one for Thea, KF4CJQ, for her work creating a desk for the grant station at the Waterman's Museum. Jack also presented Anita, KH2FX, with a certificate, thanking her for her leadership of the Food committee.

- Vice President Donna, KD2FYX, discussed the STEM committee development to achieve a portion of the ARRL club grant proposal.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported the treasure's report is available on the groups.io site. He reported on payment for the web site and discussed joining or renewing ARRL membership through our club and paying club dues.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F: the meeting minutes were posted on the club web and groups.io sites.
- Director Chuck, AI4WU: no report.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, reported there were no new outstanding cards.
- Welcoming Manager, Rick, AK4MV, was not present but it was reported that there is one new member who will be working on his license.
- Robert, KN4UUT, for community events, reported from Maine on the Half Marathon event that was on Feb 18. He also mentioned the March 25 5K Providence Classical School event and the Bike MS event June 3-4 and the Patriots Triathlon Sept 9-10. He also described a new event, Va Fire Chief 5K in Colonial Williamsburg on April 29.
- Kerry, NH2A, reported on the VE program. The spring open session will be on June 10 after the scheduled classes and he could arrange for a pop-up mini session on demand. Kerry also described a planned DSTAR training session on May 6. Joe, W4YVA, is also helping Kerry with the VE program coordination.
- Training coordinator and POTA coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, described the planned license classes for the spring. The Technician class will begin April 25 and a General upgrade class will begin April 24. All classes will be from 9:00am – 12:30pm at the Toano Fire Station community room two days

a week. See the club web site for all the details. Registration deadline is April 16 and four students are needed for a class to proceed.

- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF, reported the Jamestown event would be May 13 at the Jamestown Beach Park, the Colonial Williamsburg event would be July 1 (Colonial Williamsburg Parking lot), and the Yorktown event would be October 28 at the Waterman’s Museum.
- Jack reported on Activities coordinator WZ4BRB, Barbara’s plans for the next YL’s and Friends monthly lunch held on the March 16.
- Jack described a few meeting programs coming in the next couple months. For April Tracy, K4RVR, will discuss POTA for the Hour of Power and Will, K4MI, will provide the program on FT8 and FT4 and WSJT-X.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Chuck described some ARES training available online. Chris thanked those attending the Skywarn basic session March 12 at the Rec Center. He mentioned that DJ, K04JPR has taken over as the Skywarn area coordinator.

Announcements and Business:

Jack discussed the club ARRL grant. The committee has selected Yaesu FT-710 and ICOM 9700 equipment for grant purchase. Jack is trying to get vendors to provide price reductions. Jack mentioned work groups that members can volunteer to participate in planning and execution of grant topics. He gave an update on station furnishings and then discussed ways to operate the station including some information on remote operation. Jack described the software requirements for remote operation and then described possible uses of tablets in the grant plans.

Our program was presented by members of the Long Island CW Club. They gave an overview of their program and process and tips on using their method to learn or grow your CW skill.

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	KA4PAB	Pat	KO4JPR	DJ	N4WTL	Bill
AJ4RS	Bob	KC3PCS	Scott	KO4NKQ	Roger	N8VBN	Andrea
AJ4XV	Dave	KC4CMR	Chris	KO4UJS	Heiko	NH2A	Kerry
AK4XH	Martin	KD2FYX	Donna	KO4UOR	Scott	NI0P	Brian
K3PRP	Keith	KD4ZVD	John	KO4WWJ	Michael	NK0S	Hutch
K3RM	Greg	KE4WMF	Scott	KQ4BBN	Michael	NQ4K	Gordon
K4CEF	Cynthia	KH2FX	Anita	KQ4BCH	Matt	NY4B	Jaylene
K4JST	Gil	KI4VMB	David	KQ4BEE	Karen	W0CSZ	Tricia
K4MI	Will	KK3P	Bob	KQ4COA	Philip	W1RVR	Ron
K4MRO	Michael	KL0S	Dino	KQ4DCO	David	W4ONH	Owen
K4MRZ	Moritz	KL0SS	Toby	KT4JB	John	W4YSN	Randy
K4OBZ	Peter	KM4INA	Pedro	KY4DZ	Dennis	W4YVA	Joe
K4PQL	Steve	KN4UUT	Bob	KY4EA	Jack	WA3RWP	Wally
K4RVR	Tracy	KO4CCU	Jerome	N1LO	Mark	WB2UZE	Howard
K5KTP	Keith	KO4ENU	Steve	N1PAX	Robert	WB3GLB	Rick
K8LF	Jerome	KO4GLN	Kenzie	N2OP	Bob	WG4F	Dan
				N4NQY	JB	WV0L	Kenneth

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