



## WAARC March 10, 2020 meeting minutes

The Hour of Power session this month was provided by Brian, NIOP. Brian discussed the Parks on the Air events and how to find them and how to participate.

**Special Note:** Many of the events and dates documented below have either been canceled or changed due to the current pandemic and related restrictions and cautions. The minutes below are a record of the meeting and thus relate what was current at that time.

President Toby KLOSS called the meeting to order and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 46 attending. Our Brag Can topic was “What you enjoy most about Ham Radio” with member introductions.

- Vice President Anita, KH2FX, presented food committee information below.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM had posted the monthly report on groups.io. He reported on the budget and noted the additional funds from sale of equipment from a SK. He is accepting dues for the New Year.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F, indicated the meeting minutes report was online. Both reports were accepted.
- Director Dino, KLOS, discussed the Builder’s Group sessions.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, indicated there were no new QSL cards.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, provided information on the license classes with new Technician class instructors. The Technician class has six enrolled and the General upgrade class has seven. An Extra upgrade “Q and A” type activity is being planned for the May – June time before the current question pool expires. There will also be a Skywarn session on May 4 at the JCC Rec Center. Wally also summarized the club license class efforts totals with 19 new Technicians (6 were YLs), 9 new Generals (3 were YLs) and 5 new Extras (4 were YLs) for a total of 33 new licenses and 97% success.
- Kerry, NH2A, reported on the VE sessions planned and events. Three VE sessions have been planned, for April 25 and 29, and June 20. He also indicated plans to have Bud, W2RU, the ARRL Roanoke Division Director speak at the April meeting.
- Welcome POC Rick, AK4MV was not able to attend.
- The Food Committee: Anita, KH2FX, welcomed the new committee members Fred (KN4ZME), Donna (XYL of Greg, K3RM), and Christine (XYL of Dave, W4DSR) and described current plans for the club annual picnic, which will be held at the JCC Bruton Fire station meeting room this year instead of at the Field Day outdoors site. This will relieve much stress over possible weather issues. The food will be provided by Old City BBQ as last year.
- ARES Chris, KC4CMR, and Chuck, AI4WU reported on a meeting they attended where the new registration system was discussed. They indicated there have been improvements, but it is not ready yet. Chris plans to present it in a HOP program when it is ready.

- Community events: Kerry, NH2A, and Chris, KC4CMR mentioned the Pedal the Parkway event scheduled for May 2, The Bike MS Colonial Crossroads event May 30/31, and the Patriot's Triathlon scheduled September 12/13. Kerry also mentioned an event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Williamsburg Airport September 18-20. This year is also the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our WAARC club and a special event station is being considered for these two anniversaries.

Announcements: The Jamestown special event is coming up in May. Toby, KL0SS, is looking into how our club can become an ARRL special Service Club. We already meet many of the requirements, but we need to improve our media presence. She is also looking into a possible "Elmer's List" on the club web site. And the club continues to have volunteer opportunities with a new Program Committee and Cynthia, K4CEF, has volunteered to take on the coordinator role for the three Special Events with Bob, K4WBG assisting. Brian, NI0P, is our RFI expert, and Barbara, KN4ZMD, will be taking over the club Facebook page from Dave, AJ4XV.

The club might be meeting in the Croaker Library for the April meeting, but stay tuned to the reflector for possible updates. Michael will be working on a new Special Event Certificate. The club officers will be looking into arranging for absentee/proxy votes for our next elections.

Our program was presented by Howard, WZ4K, on Skywarn. He provided a great overview and details on good reporting and the system behind those reports.

Attendees:

AB3RH	Jim		KE6JMA	Ron		KN4YQV	Robert
AI4QQ	John		KF4CJQ	Thea		KN4ZMD	Barbara
AI4WU	Chuck		KG4SMV	Steve		KN4ZMF	Kent
AJ4IX	Bill		KH2FX	Anita		KO4JPR	DJ
AJ4RS	Rob		KI4IZF	Rhona		NOSSN	Mike
AK4XH	Martin		KI4SNN	Paul		N3JGN	Jerry
K3RM	Greg		KI4UDD	Shaena		NH2A	Kerry
K4CEF	Cynthia		KJ4TJI	Tom		NI0P	Brian
K4HX	Steve		KL0S	Dino		nocall	John
K4MI	Will		KL0SS	Toby		nocall	Leslie
K4MRO	Michael		KM4YSN	Randy		nocall	Donna
K4WBG	Bob		KN4SKJ	Rex		nocall	Colette
K8LF	Jerome		KN4UPM	Peter		NR4C	Bill
KA4PAB	Pat		KN4UUT	Bob		WA3RWP	Wally
KC4IRL	Mike		KN4VSS	Jack		WG4F	Dan
						WZ4K	Howard

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