



WAARC May 12, 2020 meeting minutes

The Hour of Power session this month was performed via the ZOOM video conference platform and was a presentation by Kerry, NH2A on building a JPole antenna for 2 meters and 70cm using the K1DU design and 450-ohm ladder line. He did an excellent job and the material is available on the groups.io site.

Special Note: The meeting was provided via the ZOOM video conference because of the restrictions and precautions involved with the COVID-19 virus. Thanks to Dave, AJ4XV, for setting that up.

President Toby KLOSS called the meeting to order. There were 40 attending. Some normal procedures and practices were not possible due to the video conference mode of this meeting. Our Brag Can was one of the normal practices that was not available this month.

- Vice President Anita, KH2FX, reported the annual club picnic would be cancelled. The picnic is scheduled for June 9 but with the restrictions it would not be possible at that time. The June meeting will proceed as a normal (Zoom) meeting at the normal time.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM posted the monthly report on groups.io. He mentioned the post office box rent was increased \$5.00 and the membership payments in PayPal is to be deposited.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F, indicated the meeting minutes report was online. Both reports were accepted.
- Director Dino, KLOS, discussed the daily "Coffee and Radio" net on the '76 repeater.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, indicated she had two new QSL cards and sent a special event certificate. She indicated there was one QSL via QRZ on the Saturday of the Jamestown event.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, classes are on hold.
- Special Events coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF, made a detailed presentation on the Jamestown event including the resulting 247 QSO count which is the second highest Jamestown count in 16 years.
- Kerry, NH2A, discussed the VE session plans for the June 20 session which will be a closed session requiring registration with him. He expects to maintain social distancing requirements and safety precautions. For programs, he has some and is always interested in more.
- Welcome POC Rick, AK4MV, announced new/returning members Randy, WB7URZ, and Loren, formerly KA7AZT.
- ARES Chris, KC4CMR, and Chuck, AI4WU reported very little EOC contact in the County and City. Chris reported he replaced an old radio used for winlink with assistance from NIOP and K8LF. He also mentioned the batteries for the UPS for the repeater that provides time for the generator to start.
- Community events: Kerry, NH2A, mentioned May 30/31 Bike MS event was cancelled and the Hike for Hospice was converted to a virtual event. The Patriot's Triathlon in September is still planned currently. Kerry also mentioned an event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Williamsburg Airport

September 18-20. There has not been any planning activity during the restrictions. The Airport was still planning for their event but there are no meetings now. (newer information, it is postponed).

Announcements: There was a brief review of the calendar with a note that the CQ Worldwide WPX event would be May 30-31. We will need to see how Field Day will work this year with plan A being normal and plan B perhaps being everyone participates from their own QTH. Chuck, AI4WU, discussed the situation and complex plans needed for a “group” “normal” Field Day operation with the existing restrictions, and the alternate plan and the implications under the normal rules. Chris noted we were still 6 weeks out and asked for guidance on talking with the county concerning the park usage. There was discussion concerning Plan A. Chuck indicated he would create a poll on the groups.io site to evaluate the club participation preferences. Toby indicated the board would discuss the issue and decide by June 1. There was also discussion about alternate sites and logistics. Toby and Cynthia will also be considering the Colonial Williamsburg Special Event with follows Field Day one week later.

The club officers are still looking into a plan for absentee/proxy votes for our next elections. Chuck discussed a new Field Day and event battery system noting the existing batteries were way beyond their life expectancy and the results of his research on an alternate chemistry (lithium iron phosphate, LiFePO₄) and their advantages. He provided several cost alternatives. Funds are available from the sale of equipment from a SK estate. The least cost option was for Chuck to purchase components and construct the units. After some discussion, a proposal was made (Dino) for Chuck to proceed up to \$1500 for the DIY option. The motion carried with a vote of 31 to 1 opposed.

Our program was presented by Jerome, K8LF, on the trip to Hamvention in Florida this year by several members. He provided photos of the event and reported on many interesting aspects of the Hamvention.

Attendees:

AI4QQ	John		KC4CMR	Chris		KN4ZMF	Kent
AI4WU	Chuck		KC4IRL	Mike		KN4ZMG	Solona
AJ4IX	Bill		KH2FX	Anita		KN4ZMH	Mari Ann
AJ4RS	Rob		KLOS	Dino		KT4JB	John
AJ4XV	Dave		KLOSS	Toby		NH2A	Kerry
AK4MV	Rick		KM4YSN	Randy		no call	Pattie
K3RM	Greg		KNOS	Hutch		no call	Loren
K4CEF	Cynthia		KN4KXI	Francine		NR4C	Bill
K4JST	Gill		KN4KXK	Jay		W3TB	Ted
K4MI	Will		KN4SKI	Rex		W4ODY	Dennis
K4MRO	Michael		KN4UPM	Peter		W4ONH	Owen
K8LF	Jerome		KN4VSS	Jack		WA3RWP	Wally
KB4YFK	John		KN4ZME	Fred		WB7URZ	Randy
						WG4F	Dan

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