



## WAARC May 9, 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 by Jack, KY4EA on Knots for Amateur Radio. Jack did an excellent job explaining various knots that would be useful in amateur radio station antenna setup and knot terminology. He explained knot evaluation ratings, why these ratings are important and demonstrated several knots and provided ropes for hands on practice.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 45 attending.

- Vice President Donna, KD2FYX, discussed the plans of the STEM committee of the ARRL Grant project. The committee consists of Wes, KO4WJU, Mari Ann, KD4SGC, Cynthia, K4CEF, and Donna. Donna described the three components of the committee's plans: "Then and Now Radio Timeline", "Fox Hunting and Wave Propagation", and "Radio Components and Circuits". Committee documents are on the club groups.io site.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported the treasure's reports are available on the groups.io site. There is a report on the club funds and a report for the ARRL Grant funds. He reported receiving new member dues, normal expenses, and discussed joining or renewing ARRL membership through our club and paying club dues. Greg also described some of the grant fund expenses.
- 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 no cards but expects activity to pick up with the special events. She also described the club certificate for those who operate at all three club special events (not necessarily in one year).
- Robert, KN4UUT, for community events: It was reported that the Va Fire Chief 5K April 29 went well. The next event will be the Bike MS event June 3-4, followed by the JCC Capital Colors Ride June 10, and the Patriots Triathlon Sept 9-10.
- Joe, W4YVA, discussed the VE coordinator activity. The spring open session will be on June 10 after the scheduled classes and a pop-up mini session can be arranged on demand.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, via ZOOM reported on the license classes for the spring. The Technician class has 7 students, but the General upgrade class was canceled for lack of registrations.
- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF via ZOOM: the Jamestown event will be Saturday, May 13 at the Jamestown Beach Park, with setup starting at 8:00am and operation planned for 10am-4pm.
- 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.

- Jack discussed a few meeting programs that need presenters and mentioned the weekly YL and Friends net that has opportunities for NCOs.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Both mentioned the Surry VOPEX exercise coming up this summer.

Announcements and Business:

Jack reviewed the club Field Day plans. Field Day antenna setup will take place Friday June 23 after breakfast. Then on Saturday, after breakfast, of course, the rest of setup will continue. Operations will be Saturday, June 24, starting at 2:00pm and continuing through Sunday at 2:00pm. Then takedown will complete the exercise. As in the past, there are plans for a dedicated SSB station, a dedicated CW station, a dedicated 6m station, and a GOTA station.

Jack discussed the club ARRL grant. He presented equipment already on hand and donations received for the station project. Jack also described a STEM opportunity working with the 4H Club and their summer camp programs in July.

New business was introduced by Chuck, AI4WU, who presented a proposal for the club to purchase three computer setups, including small “NUC” computers, monitors, keyboards, and mice. Chuck had distributed the configuration via the groups.io email so after a few questions and some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1400 and a vote passed the motion.

There was discussion concerning the club purchasing a coffee machine and it was determined this would proceed under board budget authorization.

Rick, AK4MV, introduced six new club members.

Our program was presented by Chuck, AI4WU, on Field Day. Chuck described the Who, What, Where, When, How, and Why of Field Day operations. He gave a great summary of the concepts and practices of the annual event (“it’s not a contest, but we keep score”).

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	K4RVR	Tracy	KLOS	Dino	N7MXK	Peter
AJ4RS	Bob	K5KPT	Keith	KLOSS	Toby	NIOP	Brian
AJ4XV	Dave	KB4IUD	Jim	KN4ZME	Fred	NP2MM	Bob
AK4MV	Rick	KB4PAT	Patti	KO4UOR	Scott	W0CSZ	Tricia
AK4XH	Martin	KC3PCS	Scott	KO4YFE	Robert	W4DSR	David
K3RM	Greg	KC4CMR	Chris	KQ4COE	John	W4NYS	Bob
K4CEF	Cynthia	KD2FYX	Donna	KQ4DCO	David	W4YSN	Randy
K4JST	Gil	KD4KWB	Mike	KY4DZ	Dennis	W4YVA	Joe
K4MI	Will	KD4NIV	Rick	KY4EA	Jack	WA3RWP	Wally
K4OBZ	Peter	KD4SGC	Mari Ann	N1PAX	Robert	WB3GLB	Rick
K4PQL	Steve	KE4WMF	Scott	N4SOL	Solana	WG4F	Dan
						WZ4BRB	Babara

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