



## WAARC November 14, 2017 meeting minutes

President Bobby, N5VCU, called the meeting to order and welcomed all. There were 29 attending. Congratulations were offered to Greg (KC3JCQ) and Vinny (KN4BKY) who upgraded to Extra class. Vice President Will (K4MI) discussed program plans and needs. If you have a program idea, let Will know.

Treasurer Ted (W3TB) posted the treasurer's report in the Yahoo group files directory. He said he has paid the insurance bill and we have 62 paid members. Secretary Dan (WG4F) said the prior meeting minutes were posted on the web site and group files. The two reports were approved as posted. Director Bill (NR4C) discussed the last special event at Yorktown that was on Oct 21. It was a great event with good weather and good runs of contacts. QSL manager Toby (KL0SS) reported she sent out 16 QSL cards from the Yorktown event including two special request cards for impaired hams who contacted the event. There were a few that only need one event for the special certificate and that was noted on the card.

Chris (KC4CMR) discussed the next event, the Bush Gardens Christmas Dash that will be December 3. There were also congratulations to the new recent CERT member who visited the meeting (Francine). Chuck (AI4WU) mentioned a December QST article on hams work in and for Puerto Rico communications.

Ed (K1NUH) gave his "Blast from the Past" including a story of sailors on a 50 foot sail boat with multiple communication problems discovered when they needed help. Ed then described the events of Palmyra Atoll which has experienced several DXpeditions and some criminal activity.

Wally (WA3RWP), indicated he had some people interested in a license class and had approval to use a room at Colonial Heritage and would like to get others to help him put on the class. Contact Wally if you can help.

Ed (K1NUH) showed his Route 66 contest certificate and Ted (W3TB) mentioned a new 2018 ARRL event for contacting all Maidenhead grid squares. He also suggested all of our VEs should check the date of their credentials to see when they expire and be sure to renew them with the ARRL when needed. Paul (KI4SNN) announced the Fords Colony Model Train exhibit that will be in the library December 2-3 along with opportunities to see the Norge Depot located next to the library.

Bobby (N5VCU) reminded all that anyone interested in running for a club office should contact any club officer.

We were privileged to have a brief presentation by Sara Ruch, the new James City County Emergency Manager. She outlined some projects for EOC training and tools for tracking reports (WebEOC). She mentioned the review of county shelter plans and the desire to coordinate with the club to facilitate radio availability there. The review is considering things like wind impact that would be a potential problem at the JCC Rec center and identifying alternative sites like Abram Frink Community Center and Hornsby school.

Our program was presented by Chuck (AI4WU) on his (and other club members) project to build an Electronic DC Load unit. Chuck has done a lot of research and design and revisions during the project, and showed the unit he has constructed (and one by Bill, NR4C), and explained the design considerations, possible uses, and details of the construction and functions included. Chuck did an outstanding program and all present enjoyed it.

Attendees:

AI4QQ	John		KC3JCQ	Greg		no call	Francine
AI4WU	Chuck		KC4CMR	Chris		no call	Leslie
AJ4RS	Bob		KI4SNN	Paul		NR4C	Bill
AJ4XV	Dave		KL0S	Dino		NU4I	Ken
AK4MV	Rick		KL0SS	Toby		W3TB	Ted
AK4XH	Martin		KM4JRG	Bob		W4LPD	LP
K1NUH	Ed		KM4YSN	Randy		WA3RWP	Wally
K4MI	Will		KN4BKY	Vinny		WD2AHA	Jack
K8LF	Jerome		KU4FO	Carl		WG4F	Dan
KB2TQC	Tom		N5VCU	Bobby			

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