



WAARC November 8, 2016 meeting minutes

President Bobby, N5VCU, called the meeting to order and welcomed all. There were 26 attending. Vice President Will (K4MI) mentioned program plans. Treasurer Ted, W3TB, gave his report including notes about the meeting room reservation and costs, insurance (see below), and the annual state corporation fee. The treasurer's report and Dan's (WG4F) secretary report were approved.

Ted, W3TB, introduced a resolution concerning club activities:

*Resolved: for the purposes of the ARRL Affiliated Club Insurance Program: that the following list of activities are the officially sponsored activity events of the Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, Inc.*

*The List: Field Day including the raising of antennas on the prior day; the Pre-Field Day Picnic; the three annual special event stations at Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown; the monthly Club Meeting; Morse Code Class; Builders Group; and other special on-the-air activities employing the Club's call sign of K4RC.*

The (above) resolution was seconded by several and passed by members present.

Ted also reported the library will be raising the rent for our meeting room from \$10. to \$30. per meeting. Fortunately we have a long prepaid reservation. While this is still a good price for the facility, it will be an impact on the budget. Kyle, KK4BMZ, asked about other possible locations. It was discussed that other sites cost significantly more, for example Legacy Hall costs \$180.

Bill, NR4C, discussed the National Park operations and asked if there might be interest in an antenna building work session. There was a question about the status of the antenna provision bill in Congress and it was stated that it has not been through the Senate yet (it was passed by the House).

Toby, KL0SS, gave a report on the QSL state indicating she has received 7 US cards from the October Yorktown event and 8 DX cards from 2015 via the bureau. She provided samples of the new club QSL card that Bill, NR4C has put together. She also discussed the new costs for ARRL member club members to send out going QSL cards along with a club bundle to the bureau since our club is an ARRL affiliated club. This will be considered to determine how much potential expense the club will plan.

There was a question and it was confirmed that Kyle, KK4BMX, has the club publicity literature stock (trifold and single page material).

Chris, KC4CMR, reported on the JCC CERT class where he provides a communications module that includes information on Amateur Radio as well as other areas. Chris indicated the next ARES event on the radar is the Bush Gardens Christmas Dash (8K) on December 4 and could have around 2000 runners.

Chuck, AI4WU, discussed an idea of perhaps coordinating with Craig of the Gizmoes shop to revive the talk to Santa on the radio operation that has occurred some years ago. There was some discussion of possibilities and also discussion about the relocation of Gizmoes. Dino, KL0S, talked about being approached by Steve of the Maker Group concerning a club membership in a reconfigured Maker Group in space in the new Gizmoes location. It was understood that the fee would be too high for the club to participate in that way.

Bobby displayed the event list for the 2017 year and some dates were discussed. He also indicated the club officers had a meeting to discuss ideas and coming items. The December club meeting will include the nomination of officers for the coming year for the election that will take place in the January meeting.

Bill, NR4C, announced the PVRC chapter meeting/breakfast at Five Brothers on Thursday morning.

Ed, K1NUH, gave a brief report of an item he had seen in the Smithsonian Magazine where someone asked about Morse Code. The reply indicated the Western Union sent its last telegram in 2006, mentioned airplane navigation use, and did acknowledge Amateur Radio use "for fun".

Kyle reported that there was some old equipment from Don, W4RDJ, SK, via Spencer that was available for those interested. Kyle also asked that the club be considering a replacement for the equipment manager position as he may have future changes.

Paul, KI4SNN, announced that the Fords Colony model railroad club will provide its annual Christmas show in the library room on the first weekend in December. Chris indicated the restored Depot would be open extended hours then also. Ted thanked Chris for coordinating the Field Day location arrangements with the county. He also thanked Kyle for his program on SDR as he has his dongle working now.

A program on HEART (health emergency amateur radio team) was provided by Ira and Paula Swartz . They described the program, requirements, and facilities.

Attendees:

AI4WU	Chuck		KI4SNN	Paul		W1RVR	Ron
AK4MV	Rick		KK4BMZ	Kyle		W3TB	Ted
K0AUE	Hugh		KL0S	Dino		W4LPD	LP
K1NUH	Ed		KL0SS	Toby		W4NGR	Gray
K2QIJ	George		N2OP	Bob		WA2YFZ	Jeff
K4MI	Will		N5VCU	Bobby		WA3RWP	Wally
KC4CMR	Chris		no call	Mich		WA4LMG	Bill
KG4IIE	Paula		NR4C	Bill		WG4F	Dan
KG4IIF	Ira		NU4I	Ken			

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