



WAARC November 14, 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 presented by Scott, KE4WMF, on Logging and handling a POTA Pileup. Scott did an outstanding job showing real recordings of his POTA experiences and handling the many responses to a call. He discussed hearing different calls and ways to keep track of them.

President Jack, KY4EA, called the general meeting to order. There were 57 attending. He reminded all of the need for members to run for officer elections in January. We need someone to run for president and Jack said he will help the new president. Sparky, KY4DZ, the chair of the KB4ZIN Award committee discussed the nomination process for the award. The Committee is composed of Sparky, KY4DZ, Toby, KLOSS, Fred, KN4ZME, Rhona, KI4IZF, and Ron, KN4ZLV. Chuck, AI4WU, presented an update from the committee looking into the club purchase of a projector to either replace or augment the projector at the fire station. It is possible that the county will replace the projector in the fire station. Chuck represented the committee's recommendation that a portable projector could be purchased with an expenditure of up to \$3000. There was discussion and questions and answers. It was suggested that the club delay a purchase for now, with the consideration that our ARRL Grant funds end at the end of the year. The purchase of a projector was tabled. Jack discussed the approaching end of the grant highlighting a few items still under way. He noted that there have been several donations that have helped offset expenses for the grant. Jack also discussed a CERT exercise in communications what will utilize hams in a traffic handling exercise. Kerry, NH2A, provided an update on the D-Star repeater which is gaining a tower location in Colonial Heritage. It will be in analog mode until the internet access is accomplished.

- Vice President Donna, KD2FYX, reviewed the STEM committee progress and status with many tasks already completed. Committee and grant documents are on the club groups.io site, including the interim report. She emphasized that much of the STEM material is available to club members for use in community outreach. The committee would like four members to be familiar with the material for teaching sessions.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported on the club funds with the reports available on the groups.io site. There is a report on the club funds and a report on the ARRL Grant funds. Greg explained income and expenses for the past two months since one meeting was the picnic and he indicated he would start collecting club dues for 2024 via PayPal or check now.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F: the meeting minutes were posted on the club web and groups.io sites and the Yorktown event log was uploaded to LOTW. There were 118 contacts.
- Director Chuck, AI4WU: nothing else
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, indicated she had 10-15 QSL cards she was working on.
- From Robert, KN4UUT, for community events: the next event will be the Bush Christmas Dash December 3 followed by the February 17 Colonial Half Marathon event.

- Welcome manager Rick, AK4MV, announced 8 new members.
- Joe, W4YVA, discussed the VE coordinator activity. There was a mini session before the meeting to provide a license test for one brand new technician and an upgrade to general for Abby, KQ4LTR. Joe reviewed the November 4 open test session. And he reminded all that a pop-up mini session can be arranged on demand. Joe, Kerry and Steve (KO4ENU) also provided VE support for a test session supporting Kenzie (KO4GLN) for the ODU club.
- Special Event coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF: reported on the Yorktown Special Event that was October 28. There were 118 contacts with lots of good QSOs and conversation. There was also lots of food and Cynthia gave special thanks to Kadi, KO4YEN (and Robert KO4YFE) for the special food provided. Cynthia is also the election chair and needs someone to volunteer to run for WAARC President. Contact Cynthia or a board member if you are willing to run.
- Barbara, WZ4BRB, Activities coordinator and Food Committee chair, described plans for the next YL's and Friends monthly lunch held on the third Thursday of the month and other club eating opportunities. The special December 14 lunch is planned to be in Richmond followed by a visit to the Jefferson Hotel to see their Christmas decorations. And she reported the club Banquet will be January 20.
- Jack invited program ideas for December and January.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: Chuck described the open house at the Williamsburg new Fire Station. He also noted the work on the amateur radio setup is not quite complete but progressing.

Our program was presented by Wes, KO4WJU on WAVES. This was a part of the STEM portion of the ARRL Grant project. Wes was pressed for time after the long business meeting but pulled off an in-depth presentation on what a wave is, including fundamental concepts, propagation, wave properties, reflection and diffraction and interference. Wes has done an outstanding job providing instruction material to accompany the wave tank to be used in the STEM project.

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:

AI4KJ	Dan	K8LF	Jerome	KQ4COA	Philip	no call	Beverly
AI4WU	Chuck	KB4PAT	Patti	KQ4KRR	Greg	NY4B	Jaylene
AJ4RS	Bob	KC3PCS	Scott	KQ4LRN	Kirk	W1RVR	Ron
AJ4XV	Dave	KD2FYX	Donna	KQ4LTR	Abby	W4FAF	Jonathan
AK4MV	Rick	KD4NIV	Rick	KQ4MFB	Zack	W4MBM	Jay
AK4XH	Martin	KE4WMF	Scott	KT4JB	John	W4NYS	Bob
K1NUH	Ed	KL0S	Dino	KY4DZ	Dennis	W4ONH	Owen
K3RM	Greg	KL0SS	Toby	KY4EA	Jack	W4RWP	Ray
K4CEF	Cynthia	KN4ZME	Fred	N1PAX	Robert	W4YSN	Randy
K4JST	Gil	KO4UOR	Scott	N2OP	Bob	W4YVA	Joe
K4MI	Will	KO4WJU	Wes	N4NOV	Arron	WA3RWP	Wally
K4OBZ	Peter	KO4WWJ	Michael	N8VBN	Andrea	WB3GBL	Rick
K4PQL	Steve	KO4YEN	Kadi	new	Martin	WD3O	David
K4RVR	Tracy	KO4YFE	Robert	NH2A	Kerry	WG4F	Dan
						WZ4BRB	Babara

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