



WAARC November 9, 2021, meeting minutes

The Hour of Power session and meeting this month were performed via the ZOOM video conference platform. The HOP was a presentation by Gil, K4JST on Kit Building. Gil gave us lots of information on the why and what you need for kit building. He gave tips on organization, information sources, tools and more.

President Toby KLOSS called the general meeting to order and commented on Veteran's Dan and Thanksgiving. There were 51 attending.

- Vice President Randy, W4YSN, indicated he had comments for a later topic.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported on expenses for the club and donations and the resulting balance with his report available in the groups.io files section. He also mentioned dues for 2022 could be paid via PayPal on the club k4rc.net web.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F, indicated the meeting minutes report was online on both the club web site and groups.io.
- Director Dino, KLOS, mentioned the availability of a club mug from the Signman via the k4rc.net web page along with the club's name badges and also a Technician License manual available from him for a \$10.00 donation to the club. He then announced the meeting door prizes for the end of meeting drawing.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, reported 16 cards for the Yorktown special event, 5 POTA hunters, and one from the Colonial Williamsburg event.
- Kerry, NH2A, was not available to discuss the VE program but Vice President Randy, W4YSN reported on the VE session that was October 30 Saturday, at the Bruton JCC Fire station.
- Toby indicated Bob, KN4UUT, was working on community events, with the Christmas Dash event coming on December 5 and he needs about 15 operators
- Training coordinator and our new POTA coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, reported he also has a Technician license manual available for a \$10 club donation and reported on our successful Yorktown Battlefield POTA activation with 259 unique contacts earning 6 POTA awards for K4RC.
- Program coordinator Jack, KY4EA, has started to line up programs for the next year. The LOTW program had to be moved to January, so he has Howard, WZ4K presenting on DMR for December. Jack will be presenting information on home solar power during the December HOP. Dave, W4DSR will speak on HOA Antennas during the February HOP. Jack also asked anyone with program ideas for next year to let him know.
- ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR: both discussed the VOPEX exercise and the ups and downs of the limitations due to the current COVID precautions. It was a successful drill but with lots of remote work, a limitation in the Winlink network was noted. Chris noted positive feedback from county staff noticing the capabilities of Winlink. Chris also mentioned the availability of a couple handheld radios

for CERT amateur radio operators in JCC that were turned back into the program since the grant has expired.

Announcements and Business:

- > Calendar review and Activities were mentioned: nets, breakfast, and lunch, the ARRL November Sweeps contest, and the club Battery build November 13.
- > Chris mentioned the spare old club AGM batteries that could be transferred to a club member.
- > Dave, AJ4XV discussed nominations for the KB4ZIN award that are due by December 1.
- > The club annual financial audit was completed successfully.
- > Officer elections are in January. Nominations from the floor will be taken in the December meeting and nominations will then be closed to allow for a mail in ballot downloaded from the club web and mailed to the club post office box before the January meeting. Let Cynthia know if you are interested in an office.
- > The club officers have discussed the meeting logistics with the change in the hours of the library. After much research by President Toby, and discussion of the limited options due to costs and restrictions, the decision was to have the general meeting starting at 6:00 pm at the Croaker Library, finishing by the new closing 8:00 pm time. The Hour of Power, considered an important component of the club, may be scheduled via Zoom at a different time. Some HOPs might become meeting programs depending on the topics. The current plan is for the first in person meeting to be in January and using Zoom for the December meeting.
- > Toby announced the club will have an Elmer program, with Dave, W4DSR, acting as coordinator for email requests on topics presented on a new page on the club web.

Our program was presented by Will, K4MI, on Amateur Radio Contesting. Will discussed the reasons for contests, how to start, preparation, rules, operating plans, some setup tips and advice on operating techniques.

After the program we had a random drawing for donated items. Three ARRL publications provided by Toby, KLOSS, were awarded to winners: *Dipole Antennas* went to Greg, K3RM; *Contesting for beginners* went to John, AI4QQ; and *Grounding and Bonding* when to Jay, NY4B. Hutch, NK0S, donated a QRP transceiver kit which went to Samuel, KT4STG. Gil, K4JST, had donated a clock kit which went to Barbara, KN4ZMD.

Attendees:

AH6P	Dennis	KB4PAT	Patti	KN4ZMD	Barbara	N1PAX	Robert
AI4KJ	Dan	KC4CMR	Chris	KN4ZME	Fred	NK0S	Hutch
AI4QQ	John	KC4IRL	Mike	KO4ENU	Steve	NY4B	Jay
AI4WU	Chuck	KD2FYX	Donna	KO4GLO	Donna	W0CSZ	Tricia
AJ4IX	Bill	KD4ZVD	John	KO4PFV	Tonya	W4DMZ	Steve
AJ4XV	Dave	KE7ZRK	Ken	KO4PQL	Steve	W4ONH	Owen
AK4XH	Martin	KF4LGU	Tracy	KO4UJO	AJ	W4YSN	Randy
K3RM	Greg	KI4VMB	David	KO4UJQ	Jeanne	W4YVA	Joe
K4CEF	Cynthia	KK4R	Rob	KT4STG	Samuel	WA3RWP	Wally
K4JST	Gil	KLOS	Dino	KY4DZ	Dennis	WB4GUH	Dean
K4MI	Will	KLOSS	Toby	KY4EA	Jack	WG4F	Dan
K4MRZ	Moritz	KN4AVP	Chuck	N0FIR	Spencer	no call	Michael
K8LF	Jerome	KN4ZLV	Ron	N1LO	Mark		

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