



WAARC November 12, 2024 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 Jack, KY4EA, demonstrating the observations of learning using magnetic fields.

President Kerry, NH2A, called the general meeting to order. He welcomed visitors and new members. There were 54 attending. The minutes from the last meeting (posted on the groups.io site and the club web site) were approved by motion and vote. The treasurer's report was posted on the Groups.io web site. Kerry commented that the KB4ZIN award nominations were needed, and the election of club officers was coming. Donna, KD2FYX, as decided not to run again for Vice President but plans to stay involved with the STEM projects. Nominations are open for all officers' positions. Kerry also noted that 2025 is the club's 50th anniversary year and special plans are underway.

Dave, AJ4XV, is the chair of the KB4ZIN award committee and gave comments on the process and referenced documents on the groups.io site for further explanation and examples. Other committee members include Kerry, Jaylene, NY4B, and Chuck, AI4WU.

Kerry discussed the idea to donate to the JCC Bruton Volunteer Fire Department as a thank you for the use of the community room at no cost to the club. There was some discussion, and it will be discussed and voting at another meeting. Kerry also mentioned the need for funds to support plans for the 50th club anniversary projects. Kerry summarized a few activities of the past few months including the fabulous club picnic in September, the Bush Gardens Friends Frenzy new event, the October meeting show and tell, and the Yorktown Special Event. Cynthia, K4CEF, gave a report on the Yorktown event.

Announcements and discussions:

- Bob, KM4WYJ, reported on the MPARC HamFest planned for February 1, 2025, and had raffle tickets for sale.
- NIOP mentioned the coming Winter Heat and Winter Field Day.
- The next community event is the Christmas Town Dash 8K in Bush Gardens on Sunday December 8. Contact Robert, KN4UUT, to volunteer.
- There will be another 5K event in Bush Gardens in May.
- YL and Friends lunch (was) November 21.
- The Colonial Half Marathon will be on February 15.
- The Providence Classical School 5K will be on March 22.
- Kenzie, KO4GLN, discussed the ARRL essay and scholarship program.

ARES reports: Chuck reported the antenna work at the city EOC was finished. Plans for more testing during the SET exercise were scrubbed due to a schedule conflict with other events at the fire station but will be considered later.

Joe, W4YVA reported on license testing sessions. He described the progress in transitioning to digital testing and reporting. There was a session at ODU producing new licenses and upgrades (congratulations to Joe, KQ4PDG for the upgrade to General). Joe (W4YVA) said the club now has 38 VEs so the team can provide popup exams easily.

Our program was presented by Scott, KE4WMF, on his bike mobile experience and setup. Scott reviewed his early experience with bike mobile as well as his most recent (heavy) load experiences and setup to accommodate low repeater coverage areas. He showed equipment and setup that was enjoyed by all.

Attendees:

AI4KJ	Dan	KC3PCS	Scott	KO4GLN	Kenzie	N8VBN	Andrea
AI4WU	Chuck	KD2FYX	Donna	KO4GLO	Donna	NH2A	Kerry
AJ4XV	Dave	KD2MAP	Tim	KO4JPR	DJ	NI0P	Brian
K1NUH	Ed	KD4NIV	Rick	KO4UOR	Scott	NY4B	Jaylene
K3RM	Greg	KE4WMF	Scott	KO4YFE	Robert	W1RVR	Ron
K4CEF	Cynthia	KH2FX	Anita	KQ4MFB	Zack	W4ONH	Owen
K4HHW	Joy	KK4R	Rob	KQ4NFI	Steve	W4RWP	Ray
K4JST	Gil	KL0S	Dino	KQ4PGF	John	W4YSN	Randy
K4MI	Will	KL0SS	Toby	KY4DZ	Dennis	W4YVA	Joe
K4PJN	Philip	KM4WYJ	Bob	KY4EA	Jack	W6OAY	Diana
K4PQL	Steve	KN4NPA	Connie	KZ4EP	Heiko	W9DSE	Russell
K8LF	Jerome	KN4ZME	Fred	N0OEP	Sean	WA3RWP	Wally
KB4PAT	Patti	KO4ENU	Steve	N2OP	Bob	WG4F	Dan
				N4SOL	Solana	WZ4BRB	Barbara

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