



WAARC October 12, 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 Bill Morine, N2COP, ARRL Roanoke Division Vice Director. Bill gave us some of his background and then provided lots of information on the organization of the ARRL, some history, discussion on voting, benefits of being an ARRL member and some of the ARRL activities. After Bill answered some questions, it was announced that he was now an honorary member of WAARC

President Toby KLOSS had planned for Vice President Randy, W4YSN, to run the meeting so he called the regular meeting to order. There were 45 attending. A photo of Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, editor of ARRL publications *QST* and *On the Air*, showed her enjoying a cup of tea in her WAARC/K4RC club mug presented to her for her presentation last month.

- Treasurer Greg, K3RM, reported on expenses for the club picnic and donations and the resulting balance with his report available in the groups.io files section.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F, thanked Kerry, NH2A, for filling in as secretary last month and indicated the meeting minutes report was online on both the club web site and groups.io.
- Director Dino, KLOS, announced the meeting door prizes and indicated the club still needs a committee for a point of contact for families of a silent key.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, reported nothing new.
- Welcome POC Rick, AK4MV said there were no new members this month, but more will be coming.
- Kerry, NH2A, was not available to discussed community events, but Bob, KN4UUT, reported the Christmas Dash event would be December 5 and needs about 15 operators. Randy reported on the Jamestown Airport 50th Anniversary event September 19. Other events include the D-Star workshop that was on October 3 and the VE session that would be October 30 Saturday, at the Bruton JCC Fire station.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP, reported on the Technician license class on Tuesdays and Fridays, and he has 7 students. He reminded all of the need for a FRN number before testing.
- Cynthia, K4CEF, special events coordinator: The Yorktown Special Event is planned for October 16, with volunteers needed for setup (8:30am), operation (10am-4pm), and take down (4:00pm).
- Barbara, KN4ZMD, activities coordinator, was not available but has picked up the YL and Fiends Net coordination. Anyone wanting to take a turn as NCO should let her know.
- Program coordinator Jack, KY4EA, has stated to line up programs for the next year. There have been a few changes as scheduling conflicts occur. The LOTW program had to be moved to January, so he has an opening for December. Jack will be presenting information on home solar power during the December 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 this month. There will be limited participation due to COVID precautions. The city will be virtual for non-city staff and JCC will have limits on attendance. There will be a dry run and the actual exercise will be September 26 with the repeater being set to net mode during the exercise.

Announcements and Business:

- > Calendar review and Activities were mentioned: nets, breakfast, and lunch, Battery build November 13 and the CQ WWDX SSB event October 30-31.
- > Nominations for the KB4ZIN award are due by December 1.
- > Planning for the Annual Dinner has begun.
- > 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. Let Cynthia know if you are interested in an office.

Our program was presented by Rob, KK4R. Rob participated in a DXpedition contest team in the Turks and Caicos Islands as VP5M in the CQ WPX CW contest. He described the location, preparation, license process, operating plans, and provided analysis of performance. It was quite an eye opener for a real intensive contest effort.

After the program we had a random drawing for donated items. Three ARRL publications provided by Toby, KLOSS, were awarded to winners: *Storm Spotting for Amateur Radio* went to Dennis, AH6P; *Basic Electronics* went to Rob, AJ4R; and the *Antenna Book* went to Ken, KE7ZRK. Gil, K4JST, had donated a clock kit which went to Rob, KK4R.

Attendees:

AH6P	Dennis	K4MI	Will	KLOSS	Toby	N2COP	Bill
AI4QQ	John	K4MRZ	Moritz	KM4SOZ	Laura	N4WTL	Bill
AI4WU	Chuck	K8LF	Jerome	KN4UUT	Robert	NI0P	Brian
AJ4IX	Bill	KB4PAT	Patti	KN4ZME	Fred	NK0S	Hutch
AJ4RS	Bob	KC4CMR	Chris	KO4GLO	Donna	W1RVR	Ron
AJ4XV	Dave	KC4IRL	Mike	KO4PFV	Tonya	W4DSR	Dave
AK4MV	Rick	KE4WMF	Scott	KT4JB	John	W4YSN	Randy
AK4XH	Martin	KE7ZRK	Ken	KY4DZ	Dennis	W4YVA	Joe
K3RM	Greg	KF4LGU	Tracy	KY4EA	Jack	WA3RWP	Wally
K4CEF	Cynthia	KK4R	Rob	N1LO	Mark	WB4GUH	Dean
K4JST	Gil	KL0S	Dino	N1PAX	Robert	WB5LFS	Marcus
						WG4F	Dan

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