



WAARC September 8, 2020 meeting minutes

The Hour of Power session this month was performed via the ZOOM video conference platform and was a presentation by Randy, WB7URZ, providing an excellent presentation on the Ham Shack Hotline VOIP Phone system. Randy discussed the background and available models, instructions on the setup and usage, extra features, and some examples (great videos).

Special Note: The meeting was provided via the ZOOM video conference because of the restrictions and precautions involved with the COVID-19 virus. Thanks to Dave, AJ4XV, for setting that up.

President Toby KLOSS called the meeting to order. There were 52 attending. Some normal procedures and practices were not possible due to the video conference mode of this meeting. Our Brag Can was one of the normal practices that was not available this month.

- Vice President Anita, KH2FX, said it was good to see everyone in these difficult times and thanked Randy for his HOP program.
- Treasurer Greg, K3RM had posted the monthly report on groups.io and noted the complexity associated with PayPal only allowing one transfer a month to deposit into the bank.
- Secretary Dan, WG4F, indicated the meeting minutes report was online.
- Director Dino, KLOS, was away from his Zoom for a few minutes but would have reported on the daily "Coffee and Radio" net.
- QSL Manager Toby, KLOSS, indicated she had received new QSL cards from the Colonial Williamsburg event and was on track sending out our club QSL card.
- Training coordinator Wally, WA3RWP reported that classes are still in limbo.
- Special Events coordinator Cynthia, K4CEF, reported that the Yorktown event will be at the Waterman's Museum on October 17, the third Saturday of the month. The normal location near the battlefield is not available since the Park Service has not opened the location. She is working with Randy (WB7URZ) and more plans for setup will be coming. There might be a signup available for operators and those that will log. New members are encouraged to come and observe and get involved logging and operating.
- Kerry, NH2A, discussed VE plans for an October 24 session which will be a closed session requiring registration with him. He expects to maintain social distancing requirements and safety precautions. He has used the new electronic filing for the last session with great results (next day call signs!).
- Welcome POC Rick, AK4MV, announced we have added three new members, WO4PA, Gerald, KN4YGB, Bill, and W4FTX, Marc.

- ARES Chris, KC4CMR, and Chuck, AI4WU reported very little EOC contact in the County and City. Chris mentioned we should be watching the tropical storms activity. He also noted the JCC EOC has new partitions between the workstations.
- Community events: The only event still on the possible list this year is the December Bush Christmas town Dash.

Announcements:

> Toby mentioned the club breakfast and lunch activities are available again and thanked many members who help with club activities and details, presentations, and events.

> The Library will still be closed for our October meeting so it will have to be on Zoom again.

Our program was presented by Gil, K4JST. He provided a review of the 1985 Godspeed replica voyage from England to Jamestown. Along with Neil Tanner, WA4CHQ, and Chuck Fikes, W5CLF, they described the preparations, shipboard gear, operations, and some insight into voyage. Neil was the radio operator on the ship, Chuck and Gil helped with the preparations, and Gil and others passed traffic to and from the ship during the voyage. Chuck, who designed the antenna used onboard, also noted the participation from both the Richmond and Williamsburg Ham clubs. It was a great discussion and we hope to have an encore presentation.

After the presentation we had a random drawing for a donated (thanks Dino) NanoVNA and the winner was Patty, KB4PAT.

Attendees:

AH6P	Dennis	KB4PAT	Pattie	KM4YSN	Randy	KT4JB	John
AI4QQ	John	KB4YFK	John	KN4UPM	Peter	N4SOL	Solana
AI4WU	Chuck	KC4CMR	Chris	KN4UUT	Robert	NH2A	Kerry
AI4XI	Bill	KC4IRL	Mike	KN4VSS	Jack	NK0S	Hutch
AJ4RS	Rob	KD4SGC	Mari Ann	KN4YQV	Robert	NR4C	Bill
AJ4XV	Dave	KE4WFD	Tony	KN4ZLV	Ron	NY4B	Jay
AK4MV	Rick	KH2FX	Anita	KN4ZME	Fred	W4ONH	Owen
AK4XH	Martin	KI4VMB	David	KN4ZMF	Kent	W5CLF	Chuck
K3RM	Greg	KL0S	Dino	KN7YL	Francine	WA3RWP	Wally
K4CEF	Cynthia	KL0SS	Toby	KO4ENU	Steve	WA4CHQ	Neil
K4JST	Gil	KM3SOZ	Laura	KO4EZI	Loren	WB4UHC	John
K4MI	Will	KM4HOC	Jonathan	KO4GLN	Kenzie	WB7URZ	Randy
K8LF	Jerom	KM4TNE	Tom	KO4GLO	Donna	WG4F	Dan

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