

## **AARC Minutes of January 13, 2015**

### **Board Meeting**

Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Jim Owen, president.

There was only one report by Bill Pond who needs someone to check on the Marshall Manor Tower.

There were no other reports given.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

### **General Membership Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Owen at 7:29 p.m. with 24 members present.

He called for introductions of members present.

Secretary's report: absent

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance-\$4,267.31, debits-\$1,850.22, credits-\$2,276.19.  
Ending balance-\$4,693.28.

During the treasurer's report there was a discussion of raising the 2016 dues to \$25.00 per person and \$30.00 for family. A motion was made to not address a dues increase at this time. Motion made by Joe Giovanelli and seconded by Harry Dannals. Motion carried.

Election: The nominating committee presented the following slate  
President-Ed Berkowitz, Vice President-Larry Eicher, Secretary-Patsy Crosby, Treasurer-Don Eason Jr., Director-Dave Damon, Director-Jim Owen, Director-Bill Pond.  
Hearing no nominations from the floor the chair directed the secretary to cast one unanimous ballot for the slate.

Dr. Michael Rein thanked Jim Owen and Joe Giovenelli for their service.

Jim Owen turned the meeting over to Ed Berkowitz and took a seat.

Jim Crosby presented a program on the non-profit status of the club.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy S. Crosby, acting secretary.

## **AARC Minutes for the February 10, 2015 Meeting**

### **Board Meeting**

Called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Ed Berkowitz, president.

Officers & Directors present:

Ed Berkowitz – N3US, Larry Eicher – K4JZQ, Patsy Crosby – K4PMC, Don Eason, Jr. – N4UVA, Dave Damon – K4DND, Jim Owen – K4CGY, Bill Pond – N0WP, Jim Crosby – K4JEC, A.J. Miller – KE4AJM, and Jim Wilson – K4BAV.

Bill Pond requested approval of \$70 for a new tone board for a repeater.

Dave Damon moved that we approve up to \$300 for the tech committee to use for parts and needs of the repeaters. The motion was seconded by Don Eason and carried unanimously.

Bill Phillips brought up a discussion of the Piedmont Regional Science Fair and ask for approval of up to two awards of \$100 each and other handouts to be presented to the club's award winners. Jim Crosby moved that the board approve the planned expenses for the Science Fair winners as outlined by Bill Phillips. Jim Wilson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jim Crosby placed a motion on the floor to establish a "Study Committee" to explore the feasibility of acquiring a trailer to be used as an Emergency Operations Center and to store all the equipment that would normally be used for Field Day and similar onsite communications operations. The motion was seconded by Jim Wilson and approved with two dissenting. The president asked for a volunteer to chair the committee. Jim Crosby volunteered to chair the committee.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

### **General Membership Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7:33 p.m. with 26 members present. He called for introductions of members present.

Secretary's report: Requested approval of the February minutes as published in the newsletter. They were approved without amendment.

Treasurer's Report: As of January 30, 2015.

Beginning balance-\$4,693.23, debits-\$335.55, credits-\$932.70  
Ending balance-\$5,289.43

Reports:

Ed stated that Larry Eicher is looking for programs, speakers and ask we contact him with ideas and suggestions. He stated Field Day Chair is looking for volunteers to work on the committee to help plan, setup and tear down.

Bill Pond reported that his report is on the website and that currently all repeaters are working.

Dave Damon reported that it's time to start signing up for public service activities. He said the Jefferson Cup Races will be on March 29 and the Belmonte will be on April 18. He passed around a clipboard for signups.

Bill Phillips reported the Science Fair will be held on March 17 and he needs one more volunteer to be a judge and asked anyone interested to contact him.

Jim Owen reported he had nothing to report for Estate Sales.

Pat Crosby circulated a copy of the club's Master Roster of Members and ask that everyone present check their listing and offer any corrections required. She also reminded everyone to be sure to sign the Sign-In Sheet.

Mile McPherson presented a program on micro computers and what could be done with them.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy S. Crosby, secretary.

## **AARC Minutes for the March 10, 2015 Meeting**

**Board Meeting** -- No Board Meeting.

**General Membership Meeting** -- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7:01 p.m. with 27 members present. He called for introductions of members present.

The program was introduced: Alan Swinger presented a program on working DX and the rare station AAVASSA Island report.

Secretary's report: Requested approval of the February minutes as published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: As of February 1, 2015 the Beginning balance-\$5,289.43, debits-\$51.05, credits-\$259.82 with an Ending balance-\$5,498.20.

President stated the Member Directory will be posted on the website and printed on paper for now. He also reminded members that the kit building activity will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the old reactor building on Observatory Hill.

Dave Damon reported the first public service event will be coming up at the end of March.

AJ announced the raffle produced \$68.

Larry Eicher reported that the Field Day Committee met at the Emergency Communications Center to look it over for a possible Field Day site for 2015. They are waiting permission from UVa to hold it there.

Bill Phillips reported that the Science Fair will be held on March 17 at JPJ. He said he has judges and that the event is open to the public in the afternoon and urged members to check it out.

No Old Business or New Business was presented.

The president urged members to take their old issues of QST to waiting rooms around the area and check the suggestions and guidelines posted on the website.

The club broke into small sessions of personal concern.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy S. Crosby, secretary

## **AARC Minutes for the April 14, 2015 Meeting**

**Board Meeting** – The board meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Ed Berkowitz.

All board members were present.

### **Reports:**

There was a discussion of food for Field Day. The committee recommended the club offer chicken and drinks for the Saturday evening picnic with members asked to bring a side dish to share. K4DND, Dave, made a motion that \$275 be allotted for food for Field Day. Larry, K4JZQ made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dennis Mennerich, K4THE, presented a program on Propagation.

**General Membership Meeting** -- Following the program, the meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7:30 p.m. with 37 members present. He called for introductions of those present.

Secretary's report: Requested approval of the March minutes as published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Larry gave the Treasurer's report for N4UVA as follows:

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$5,498.20, debits-\$415.35, credits-\$218.19 with an Ending balance-\$5,301.94.

Larry offered his Field Day report stating Field Day will be held at the 911 Center at 2306 Ivy Road on Route 250.

He asked members to check in on the sign-up sheet on the club's web site to help with all the field day activities. He announced that the club will have a pot luck supper Saturday at 6 p.m. with club providing chicken and drinks. He stated that the board had approved up to \$275 for food for field day. He asked that members attending bring a side dish to share.

Larry reported that members of his committee had recommended the club purchase a hex bean for use during field day with an approximate cost being \$600. The report was put on the floor as a motion. After some discussion of the pros and cons, the motion was approved to fund the bean up to \$600 by a majority vote.

Larry reported that he had obtained a commitment from a local company to provide two port-a-johns for field day. He also asked about power for the site and Dave Damon acknowledged he will provide his generator.

President Berkowitz announced the board had approved making Kenneth Kang an Honorary Member in recognition of his continued service to the club after having moved to California. The approval of the club was placed on the floor. The designation was approved unanimously.

A.J. Miller reported that the evening's raffle had produced \$54 for the club.

Bill Phillips reported the 2015 Science Fair was one of the best he had ever participated in. The club awarded four prizes of \$50 each and a copy of the book *Riding the Short Waves*. The seniors were also given a *License Manual*.

There was no old business to be brought up.

The club broke into small sessions of personal concern.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy S. Crosby, secretary

## **AARC Minutes of the May 12, 2015 Meeting**

**Board Meeting** – No board meeting called.

**Ken Karr, NG2H presented his talk about his upcoming DX expedition to Heard Island.**

**General Membership Meeting** -- Following the program, the meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7:01 p.m. with 29 members present. He called for introductions of those present.

Secretary's report: Requested approval of the April minutes as published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$5,301.04, debits-\$292.53, credits-\$2,099.73 with an ending balance-\$7,108.24. Don explained the income came from Harry's tower of \$1,450 and \$325 from Ernie Sardie's account.

Bill Pond reported that the Heard Mountain repeater needs replacing. Buck's Elbow is in great shape. Yeasu is offering repeater clubs a new style repeater for \$500. After a discussion, N4UVA (Don) made a motion to authorize up to \$800 for the needed replacement equipment for our repeaters. W2PVY (Joe) seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Ed asked for any new ideas for a club logo to be submitted.

K4DND (Dave) asked for signups for the upcoming public service event on May 31.

KE4AJM (AJ) reported the raffle raised \$78 for the club.

K4JZQ (Larry) offered a lengthy report on Field Day activities (copy filed with minutes and posted on website) that has everything on target for arrangements with publicity reaching far out with 28 letters sent to invited guests with some acceptance already received. He asked if the club was interested in ordering Field Day hats, t-shirts, etc. No response indicated a lack of interest in a club order.

Old Business: None offered.

New Business: None offered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. and the club broke into small sessions of personal concern.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy S. Crosby, secretary

## **AARC Minutes for June 9, 2015 Meeting**

**Board Meeting** – No board meeting called.

**General Membership Meeting** -- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7 p.m. with 27 members present. He called for introductions of those present.

Secretary's report: Received approval of the June minutes as published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as published.

The secretary requested a vote of approval for the memberships of Warren Crady (N4IQH) and Susanne Zimmerman (KK4EDV). Their memberships were approved by a unanimous vote of the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$ 7,108.24, debits-\$363.63, credits-\$222.06 with an ending balance-\$6,966.94.

Other Reports: Bill Pond announced that the Yaesu Fusion repeater was ordered to come in July. The Interface has been purchased and is waiting on cables which are expected by mid-July. The 220 repeater is down for repair. The 895 repeater experienced some interference during the Miller School event. (Now determined to be the 176.760 repeater via the link which is down for repairs).

A discussion was opened by Bob K4DU regarding Estate Committee sales, etc. After much discussion, Dave K4DND suggested that the handling of estate sales and decisions regarding commissions should be handled by the Estate Committee. It was noted that the board conducts the business affairs of the club and therefore Jim K4JEC made a motion that the Estate Committee produce a policies and procedures guide for the sale of items and bring back a report to the Board for approval and implementation. The motion was seconded by Dave K4DND and passed without dissent.

To clarify the issue, it was pointed out by Harry W2HD that the handling of his estate equipment by Bob K4DU was not an Estate Committee issue because he is not deceased and it was a personal agreement between the two of them.

Dave K4DND gave a report on Public Service activities citing the MS 150 Bike Tour scheduled for next weekend and the need for additional volunteers.

It was pointed out that the VE Session set for Saturday at the NRAO has only three VE's and more would be appreciated.

K4CGY reported on his adventures at the Dayton Hamvention

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the passing of John Gray W6UZ, a longtime member and past president of the club; and Ernie Sardi W2EIU, another longtime member and past officer of the club.

Larry gave a review of Field Day activities and urged those in attendance to sign up for Field Day activities via the website and various email notices. He stated he was concerned by the lack of signups for operations. His full report was circulated to the membership via email.

Having no old business or new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned for the presentation by Mike WQ9P on digital communications and their use during Field Day.

Following the presentation, the group broke into small session of personal interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy S. Crosby, secretary

## **AARC Minutes for July 14, 2015 Meeting**

**Board Meeting** – The Board Meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7:04 p.m. The following directors were present: N3US, K4JZQ, K4PMC, N0WP, K4JEC, and K4BAV.

### **Items brought before the board:**

The president announced he needed a chair for the picnic on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> to be held at Darden Towe Park pavilion. No one immediately volunteered.

The president stated he intended to appoint a Club Custodian – a volunteer to keep track of all of the club equipment. No one immediately volunteered.

The president announced Ed Hine AG4N has donated all of his amateur radio equipment. Carter Elliott WD4AYS requested the club's assistance selling some of his excess equipment and he will donate a portion of the proceeds to the club.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

**General Membership Meeting** -- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7:20 p.m. with 23 members present. He called for introductions of those present and asked members to tell us of a new piece of equipment or some new activity they had engaged in.

**Secretary's report:** Requested approval of the June minutes as published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed. The secretary reported she has added three renewing members to the Master Roster for 2015. Jeff Braun KE6PVT, Joseph Burch AK4CX and Edward Taylor KA4VMP. Fortunately, they were found on the roster and added without data change. We now have 23 Family Members, 75 Full Members, 6 Honorary Members, and 8 Life Members for a total of 112.

**Treasurer's Report:** In his absence, the treasurer filed the following report with the club.

Balance as of 5/31/2015:	\$6,966.94
Debits:	\$176.50
Credits:	\$60.05
Balance as of 6/30/2015:	\$6,850.49

**Other Reports:** Field Day Chairman, Larry, reported Field Day participation was very good despite the opening day weather. Overall, he reported that the event was very successful and thanked his committee members for their support. He thanked Jim Owen K4CGY and Bill Pond N0WP for their counsel and assistance from past experience. He read off a list of names of those who made contributions to the success of the event and asked that they be given a round of applause.

Bill Pond reported that June was not a good one for the Technical Committee. The 76 and 895 repeaters went down. The 895 was fixed and placed back in service and they were still working on the 76 machine. He estimated the cost of the new repeater antennas at \$200 and \$300 for labor. He stated he wanted to find a professional to climb the tower and replace the antennas.

He stated the new Yaesu Fusion Repeater is on its way to us and it will be placed at the Bucks Elbow Site. The 925 site will get the repeater from the 76 site at Marshall Manor.

Michael Rein KA4JJD went over the raffle items and asked for support for the club by buying tickets. He also said he thought the club should show their appreciation for Larry's Field Day efforts. The club offered him a round of applause.

No new or old business was cited.

The meeting adjourned to a program of ARRL Video Collections.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy S. Crosby, secretary

## August 2015 AARC Minutes

Our August meeting began at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 11 at NRAO on UVA grounds. We started off with our program followed by a General membership meeting, ending with our informal break-out and rag chew sessions. Board Meeting – There was no board meeting.

General Membership Meeting -- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7:04 p.m. with 32 members present. He called for introductions of those present. President Ed introduced the program with, "Broadband over radio wireless mesh networks and the future of Amateur Radio to be discussed by our speaker, Keith Elkin, KB3TCB. Keith lives in Frederick, MD, so he's making a big effort to join us here in Charlottesville.

Business Meeting Called To Order -- The business meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. following the program and a five-minute stretch break.

Secretary's report: Requested approval of the July minutes as published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed by unanimous vote. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer filed the following report with the club. Balance as of 6/31/2015: \$6,850.49 Debits: \$1,629.21 Credits: \$ 417.83 Balance as of 7/31/2015: \$5,640.11 Other Reports JJ reported the raffle for the evening earned \$58.

Larry Eicher reported that the EOC was very satisfied with our being there for Field Day. He said Teri Henderson had volunteered to do pulled pork barbecue next year and EOC said we could grill and cook in the area where the big trucks go stuck. President Ed said he had a suggestion that we look into having a ham fest in Charlottesville. It was pointed out that a ham fest was a lot of work and required a grand commitment from the membership to support and work for it. He said he felt like a study committee might be in order. He said we could email announcements of our picnic/auction to the area clubs to advise them all amateurs are invited and that non-members would be expected to pay \$5 for a dinner ticket. The club's annual picnic/silent auction is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, in the pavilion at Darden Towe Park. New Business -- Having a mini Field Day at the Boy Scouts Apple Harvest scheduled for October 20th has been recommended and Ed said he would follow up on that. Old Business – None brought up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Patsy Crosby Secretary

# **AARC Minutes for October 13, 2015 Meeting**

## **Board Meeting**

The October Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at NRAO on UVA grounds. President Ed opened a discussion regarding the banquet in December. AJ reported that the Elks Lodge will be contacted for a specific cost. In the meantime, he asked for approval of a budget for raffle items for the dinner. A motion was made to approve \$225 for raffle prizes. The motion was approved unanimously. Ed asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee and after an uncomfortable pause asked Michael Rein to discuss the Awards for the dinner. Jim K4JEC asked about the Hein Hvatum N4FWA Award for Outstanding Work on Public Service Activities. He pointed out that it somehow got dropped from the awards list. It was agreed it would be put back on the list.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and a five minute break was announced before the call of the General Membership Meeting.

**General Membership Meeting** -- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Berkowitz at 7:30 p.m. with 33 members present. He called for reports from the secretary and treasurer.

**Secretary's report:** Requested approval of the August Meeting Minutes as published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Eason, Jr. the treasurer, filed the following report with the club for the preceding two months.

Balance as of 9/30/2015:	\$5,640.11
Debits:	\$470.46
Credits:	\$1,029.72
Balance as of 9/30/2015:	\$6,199.37

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by AJ and approved unanimously.

## **Other Reports**

Ed stated he was disappointed that he found no videos at ARRL aimed at young people. AARC participation in the Boy Scout Apple Harvest Camporee – a two day event that features exhibits October 31<sup>st</sup>. He said we need volunteers to set up a ham radio exhibit and anyone willing should contact Dennis Terrible W4RI.

Ed asked for approval of two new members in the persons of John Athayde KK4JFJ and John Porter KM4NIZ. Their membership was approved by unanimous vote.

Jim Crosby pointed out that Charles Winkler KI4HWE had renewed his membership after a ten year absence and asked that he be welcomed back with a round of applause.

Dave Damon K4DND asked for the floor to place the name James Crosby K4JEC in nomination for Life Membership which had been previously approved by the Board. He read his nomination letter to the membership of which a copy has been entered into the minutes of the meeting. The nomination was approved in a unanimous vote. Jim, when asked for a comment, was speechless.

President Ed suggested we start an Antenna Team to assist our fellow amateurs who need help with their antennas. If anyone is interested, please let Ed know.

Bob Pattison K4DU announced that Our Lady of Peace has made a room available for the establishment of a ham shack and he will need some volunteers to assist with this work. We now have several members of the club in residence within the facility and this could help them stay in contact with their fellow amateurs.

Ed advised he has copies of the Member Directory for anyone needing a copy.

Bill Pond N0WP reported that most repeaters are back in working order with the exception of the Hurd Mountain Repeater 146.925. He stated we need some filters on all repeaters to drop out some repeated interference. He said they would cost \$410 apiece. It was approved that we order one for the 146.895 repeater to replace one we are borrowing from Dave K4DND. It was approved unanimously.

Ed asked that we go around the room and introduce ourselves noting that he forgot to do that earlier. Ed thanked everyone for their generous support and introduced John Green who offered a presentation of the restoration of a Collins KWX1.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Crosby K4PMC, Secretary

## General AARC Meeting November 10, 2015

Board Meeting temporarily convened within

1. Call to Order at 7:03 p.m. with 34 members present with President Ed Berkowitz presiding.
2. The president asked members to rise and state their name and call to introduce themselves.

**Board Meeting called to order:** Following the introductions, the president called for the board to convene temporarily to approve the minutes of the October meeting. With all members present, the board approved the minutes unanimously. The Board Meeting was adjourned to move on with the General Meeting.

3. Secretary's Report – Asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the General Meeting from October. She presented the application of Robert K Fung, KC2PRE, a transplant from New York who resides at 2065 Commonwealth Drive in Charlottesville and submitted his application online from our website. The membership was approved by a unanimous vote.

4. Treasurer's Report – Don Eason

Opening Balance	\$6,199.37
Credits	\$0,199.98
Debits	\$0,392.76
Balance at end of October	\$6,392.15

5. Repeaters Report – Bill Pond reported that he wanted to swap frequencies between Marshall Manor site (146.760) and Herd Mountain site (146.925) as a way to reduce interference with the repeater in Williamsburg on the 146.760 frequency. He has cleared this with SARA, the repeater frequency coordinating association. He said that if this works it could become a permanent solution to that problem. He also explained that the receiver in the new Yaesu Fusion repeater at Bucks Elbow (146.895) is so sensitive that it has the squelch turned all the way down to overcome interference making the repeater almost useless. He is working on a solution that could preclude having to spend \$400 on a filter.

6. President Ed reminded everyone that the Annual Awards Dinner reservations are coming in but not as rapid as he would like. He stated, "We need more people to sign up." The dinner will be at the Double Tree Hilton on Tuesday, December 8, to start at 6 p.m. This celebration will take the place of our December meeting.

7. Appointment of Nominating Committee: Ed announced that Dave Damon will chair the committee with Mike McPherson and Michael Rein serving on committee. He urged any member who is interested in serving in an elected office to contact: [dnd@virginia.edu](mailto:dnd@virginia.edu)

8. Antenna Committee – Ed stated that he has not had any volunteers for the antenna committee yet and is still looking for members who are willing to help other members with their antenna work.

9. The Awards Committee and Maker Faire Report – Michael Rein stated that the Maker Faire display at Barnes and Nobel was a great success and that we should do more of this type public activity. He reported on the Awards to be made at the Annual Awards Dinner and ask for nominations of Special Service Awards and submissions for Operating Awards to be made to him via email: [mfr61@cms.mail.virginia.edu](mailto:mfr61@cms.mail.virginia.edu)

10 Pre-Estate and Estate Sales: draft policies – Bob Pattison reported they are working on a policy concerning estate sales and will have a draft copy to present at the next meeting.

11 Future Programs: Larry Eicher reported Mike McPherson will have a program on Mesh Networks in February and Col. Steve Sellers, ACPD Chief of Police will present a report at the March meeting. He urged any member who is interested in making a presentation before the group to contact him: [tuzlu@comcast.net](mailto:tuzlu@comcast.net)

12. Door Prizes: AJ staged the drawing and reported tonight's raffle earned \$60 for the club.

Following a call for any old or new business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Patsy Crosby, Secretary