

AARC Meeting of October 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ed Berkowitz, N3US.

All attendees were asked to briefly introduce themselves by name and call signs.

Twenty-six people attended this meeting [see a list of these names at the bottom of this report.]

Treasurer's report:

Our Treasurer, Don Eason, N4UVA, reported for the month of September:

Opening Balance: \$10,604.51

Checks & debits: \$ 745.45

Deposits: \$ 2,664.02

Closing Balance: \$12,523.08

Treasurer's Suggestion:

Treasurer Don suggested that since the club has a record high amount of cash in the treasury, that the club subsidize the annual banquet meals by up to \$650. He distributed a sample menu, suggesting that the \$30 menu meal be made available to our club members for \$20. This would be intended as a good will incentive to encourage all members to attend the December banquet. Don then moved that the club spend up to \$650 to subsidize the annual awards banquet. Don's motion was seconded by A.J. Miller.

At that time, Dave Damon, K4DND, responded, "I don't like that idea at all." He stated that he is opposed to spending club funds on the annual banquet in December. Dennis Terribile, K4THE, commented that he agreed with Dave. Ed tabled this motion for further study.

Banquet Door Prizes:

A.J. Miller, KE4AJM, proposed that raffle ticket door prizes again be offered at the annual banquet. He stated that the income last year from the banquet raffle exceeded the cost of the prizes, so that these items "didn't cost the club anything." No one objected.

The Meeting Program:

The program speaker for this meeting was introduced.

"Emergency Preparedness" was the topic, presented by **Chief Deputy Chan Bryant of the Charlottesville Sheriff's Office**. Wearing her official uniform, Chan advised us all to 1) make a survival kit, 2) make an emergency plan, and 3) always be informed of pending bad weather or other emergency issues.

Chan also invited us to become members of CERT, the *Community Emergency Response Team*, which routinely offers free classes. She also recommended that we each sign up for "Code Red," a robotic system that rings our telephone when a local emergency threatens our community.

Chan explained the local search and rescue system. She invited our AARC members to consider training for this mission. She noted that the next two-day training session for search and rescue volunteers will be this coming spring, dates not yet finalized.

Chan also noted problems with their communications system, such as the Charlottesville Sheriff's Department being unable to communicate with the state police because of technical glitches in their separate radio systems.

Chief Deputy Chan offered her personal email cbryant2@albemarle.org in case we have questions that weren't answered during her presentation.

AARC member John Porter, KK4JP, videotaped this presentation, which is now available online through our club web site: albemarleradio.org.

Apple Harvest Scout Festival:

Dennis Terrible, WR4I, reported that he has three volunteers for the upcoming Apple Harvest Scout Festival on Saturday, October 14. Dennis recounted that during previous Boy Scout Jamborees, "Morse code really gets the kids fired up." Dennis sought additional volunteers for this event. He cited his contact information and details of the Apple Harvest Festival in recent emails that he sent to club members.

Raffle Items:

Raffle items for the evening included:

- 1 A portable power station
- 2 An antique universal 28 range volt-amp meter
- 3 A mystery grab bag
- 4 RCA speakers
- 5 A cordless telephone system
- 6 A 1950's Motorola hand held radio
- 7 Two metal construction boxes
- 8 A Decca DC Resistor test box

After the raffle drawings, A.J. reported that the club raised a total of \$56 from the evening raffle.

Two new members Approved:

Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY, moved to approve a new member, Douglas Eddy. This motion was seconded by Bob Pattison, K4DU, and was approved unanimously.

Later in the meeting, a second membership application was submitted in person by a young man in the audience. Upon a motion by Dave Damon, K4DND, seconded by Michael Rein, KA4JJD, Kieran Garrod, KN4GGZI, was approved a new member.

Nominating Committee:

President Ed Berkowitz, N3US, made a plea for a volunteer to chair the Nominating Committee for 2018 AARC officers. Bob Pattison, K4DU, volunteered.

Repeater Committee:

Because our Repeater Committee Chairman was absent, no report was made.

Future Meeting Programs:

Vice President - Program Chairman, Larry Eicher, K4JZQ, reported that he already has a few programs scheduled into 2018. But, he noted that since his term will expire in December this year, the newly

elected Vice President/Program Chairman will have to fill some slots for the ten programs needed. Larry encouraged members to contact him with ideas for future club programs.

Balloon Beacon Project:

Rick Oliver, W3KDR, reported that Charlottesville High School had planned to fly its balloon beacon the previous Saturday, but weather cancelled the launch. The new launch date was uncertain, possible the following Saturday.

Meeting Location Negotiated

President Ed Berkowitz, N3US, announced that the AARC has been granted approval to continue meeting at the NRAO auditorium. Vice President, Larry Eicher, K4JZQ, praised the work by Ed in securing this wonderful NRAO facility for another year. Ed thanked the members who researched potential alternate meeting locations.

The meeting officially ended at 8:30 PM.

The sign-in sheet of people attending this meeting included:

Joe DeVincentis – K08V/first time guest

Michael Rein – KA4JJD

Dave Damon – K4DND

Steve O'Connor – KM4PZN

Jim Owen- K4CGY

Dave Dawson – KM4GWY

Rick Oliver – W3KDR

Rob Garrod – no call yet

Kieran Garrod – KN4GGZ

Stephen Kramer – KN4CJI

Dennis Terribile – W4RI

Al Bogden – KF4AGT

Chappy Chapman – K4ERZ

Jim Wilson – K4BAV

Andrew Wiley – KK4SHO

Mike Finch – WQYN216/guest

John Porter – KK4JP

Dan Shumard – N6DJS

Joe Giovanelli – W2PVY

Dennis Mennerich – K4THE

Larry Eicher – K4JZQ

A.J. Miller – KE4AJM

Stan Hazen – K2SSB

Bob Pattison – K4DU

Ed Berkowitz – N3US

Chief Sheriff's Deputy Chan Bryant

This meeting summary was prepared by Jim Wilson, K4BAV, your AARC 2017 Minute Man!

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