

## **AARC Meeting of October 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the National Radio Astronomy Observatory Headquarters auditorium at 520 Edgemont Road by the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club President, John Porter, KK4JP.

### **The Program:**

AARC President John Porter, KK4JP, began the meeting with the introduction of the evening program speaker. Mike McPherson, KQ9P, titled his talk, "When All else Fails . . . ARES for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Mike's 40-minute talk is posted on the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club website [Albemarleradio.org].

### **Introductions:**

Immediately following the Q&A session by Mike, John asked each person attending was asked to briefly introduce themselves by name and call sign. The names of the thirty-one people attending this meeting are listed at the end of this meeting summary.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes Approved:**

Upon a motion by A.J. Miller, KE4Aj, seconded by Patrice Porter, KM4RSL, the Minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2018 were unanimously approved. This summary of the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is posted on the AARC web site for your reading review [Albemarleradio.org/Minutes].

[The annual club picnic on September 23rd served as the September meeting. During the picnic, two members, Adam KJ4PEO and Sarah KM4BOH, were approved as new members by a unanimous vote. The club picnic was held at Chris Green Lake.]

### **Treasurer's report:**

Treasurer, Don Eason, N4UVA, presented his report for the previous month of September 2018:

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Beginning balance was | \$18,119.32 |
| Debits were           | \$ 347.50   |
| Credits were          | \$ 59.39    |
| Ending balance was    | \$17,831.21 |

President John Porter, KK4JP, thanked the members who assisted with the club picnic on September 23rd. Treasurer Don chimed in that the club only spent about \$200 on the picnic.

### **Report of the Public Service Committee:**

Dennis Terribile, WR4I, reported that the annual Boy Scout festival is scheduled for this coming Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's event will be held in Palmira, approximately 8 AM to 1 PM. So far, Dennis said that he and Ed Berkowitz, N3US, are the only scheduled participants. He asked for more volunteers.

Dave Damon, K4DND, reported that the Tour de Green bike race public service event is also scheduled for Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Dave also noted that the Devil's Backbone bike race is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be the final public service event of the season, Dave said.

### **Report of the Technical Committee:**

Because Bill Pond, N0WP, was absent from the meeting, there was no technical committee report.

However, Mike McPherson, KQ9P, suggested that the Technical Committee should have an annual budget, instead of piecemeal requests for reimbursements for repairs of club repeaters. Mike made a

motion to create a budget of up to \$1000 per year for use by the technical Committee. Patrice Porter, KM4RSL, seconded the motion.

Then Ed Berkowitz, N3US, asked to modify the motion so that the budget would be up to \$500 for the remainder of 2018 then up to \$1,000 per year for 2019 and for each year thereafter, with no carry-over funds from year to year.

Mike accepted the amendment to his motion. The revised motion passed unanimously.

#### **Report of the Estate Committee:**

Jim Owen, K4CGY, reported that he still has equipment at his home that he is evaluating and repairing for eventual sale. So far this year, much equipment has been sold and thousands of dollars have poured into the AARC treasury from these sales. Jim had several estate items at this meeting to sell, an oscillator for \$20, a volt meter for \$12, and soldering irons for \$5.

#### **Summary of the Board Meeting**

President John Porter, KK4JP, summarized the recent Board Meeting which was held on September 18th at the Northside Library. [Attending this meeting were John Porter, Paul McKee, Jim Owen, Dennis Terribile, Don Eason, Dave Damon, Jim Wilson, and Rick Oliver.] The chief topic of this meeting was a look into better, more systematic ways to use AARC club surplus funds to promote amateur radio. No decisions were made by the AARC Board. This information was intended to be discussed at a future club meeting by the AARC members.

#### **Reminder of the annual Awards Banquet**

Ed Berkowitz, N3US, reminded club members that the Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for the second Tuesday in December, [which is December 11<sup>th</sup>.]

#### **Club Raffle:**

A.J. Miller, KE4AJ, provided the evening's raffle items, with Stan Hazen, K2SSB, pulling the winning tickets from the big plastic jar. Raffle prizes for the evening included:

A passive infrared home burglar alarm

"Helping Hands" soldering assistant

A Direct Current battery charger

A Motorola 2-meter radio transceiver

Two mystery bags

Various electronic cables

A box of power supply parts

A.J. reported the evening raffle income as \$82 raised for the club.

#### **Sign-In sheet:**

The sign-in sheet of 31 people attending this meeting included:

Patrice Porter KM4RSL

Stephen Kramer KN4CJZ

Bill Phillips AD6JV

Ed Berkowitz N3US

Jim Condon AD4YM

Bob Pattison K4DU

George Grotz AA4O  
Stan Hazen K2SSB  
Dennis Terribile WR4I  
Jim Owen K4CGY  
Don Eason N4UVA  
Larry Eicher K4JZQ  
Richard Freeman KI4QKV  
Dennis Mennerich K4THE  
Joe Giovanelli W2PVY  
Rick Oliver W3KDR  
Chappy Chapman K4ERZ  
Al Bogden KF4AGT  
Bill McCoy KE4JSU  
Dan Shumard N6DJS  
Wynn Salomon AZ4MV  
Kieram Garrod KN4GGZ  
John Porter KK4JP  
Dave Damon K4DND  
Michael Ellington KN4BFB  
Jin Ellington Wife/XYL  
A.J. Miller KE4AJ  
Jim Wilson K4BAV  
Marty Wangberg W4MBW

*This meeting summary was prepared by your AARC Minute Man, Jim Wilson, K4BAV, and is respectively submitted to the members of the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club for review.*