

AARC Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ed Berkowitz, President.

Treasurer's report by Don Eason:

Beginning Balance: \$19,527.40

Checks: \$97.95

Credits: \$278.38

Ending Balance: \$19,707.83

Picnic report by Ed:

Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 8 at 5 PM at Darden Towe Park. This picnic is also our September meeting.

A sign-up sheet will be shortly posted on the club website. Each member may bring one guest free of charge. There will be a \$5 fee for additional guests. Motion made and seconded and voted by members to approve money for buying food. Larry Eicher will get food from Mission BBQ at cost of about \$300. The club will also provide soft beverages but we request each member to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. We will also conduct silent auctions so we can buy and sell new ham radio "toys."

Ed reminded everyone that there will be a board meeting this Saturday, 8/17 at 1 PM at Northside Library. Any club member may attend.

Technical committee Report by Bill Pond:

Repeaters were migrated from old Arcom's to new S-COMS at our Martha Jefferson Hospital and Buck's Elbow repeaters. Bill recommended buying 2 more repeater controllers; one for Heard Mtn and one as a spare. Cost is \$500 each so \$1000 total. Bill made motion to approve expenditure. Motion seconded and voted approval. Old Arcom controllers will be sold. Two have already been sold on QRZ website for \$250 each. Sales of old equipment netted \$500. The two sold Arcom controllers were shipped to Paradise CA to improve emergency communications during fire outbreaks.

A Decoder was installed at Heard Mtn to fix problem with weak signal.

Public Service Report by John Porter:

John needs additional volunteers for the Walnut Creek Triathlon on Saturday August 24, 2019. John will shortly recruit volunteers for a mid September event.

New members voted in to club were Terry Bauch, KN4WCV; his nephew Luke Bouch (age 16), KN4WCW; and Louis Costanzo, KN4VYRK.

Estate Committee Report by Jim Owen:

Right now there is very little equipment for sale. Jim asked for new members to Estate committee to pick-up gear, refurbish it and put up for sale. Jim also requested a replacement for himself as he has been doing this for several years. Steve Hull volunteered to help with packing and shipping of gear.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Don Eason said he is planning on retiring from his 12 year post as Treasurer in 2021. He would like someone to replace him and act as apprentice during the next year and then take over as club treasurer. Don reviewed Treasurer duties.

Raffle Review by AJ:

AJ listed gear for raffle which included sweep generator, Netgear hubs, speaker, RTTY books, frequency counter. There are some miscellaneous tools for sale provided by Ron, K4RKA.

Andrew Wiley discussed a Fall SOTA event he is planning consisting of a hike up a local mountain and operating at the peak. He asked for interested people to participate. Possible locations are Piney Mtn and Shenandoah National Park.

Dennis WR4I mentioned website, americanradiohistory.com which has tons of radio magazines online.

Dennis also discussed the Boy Scout Apple Harvest event in October for Boy Scouts where they do many demonstrations including ham radio. We have supported this activity for many years. It will be conducted near Fork Union. More information will follow about this event.

Kevin, K4HVR, discussed our club special event station October 4-6 to commemorate University of Virginia (UVA) Bicentennial. Kevin will design a QSL card for this event.

Break for 10 minutes.

Presentation by Bob Pattison on “Promoting Amateur Radio”.

Some highlights:

Whose job is it to promote ham radio?

Promotion should include education, outreach, youth involvement.

We expect ARRL to promote hobby.

Purpose is to start a conversation about ham radio.

Bob asked everyone to describe how they heard about ham radio, who helped you get on air, and what mode used for 1st contacts.

He spoke about his experiences when he started out in HR.

Why important: Pay it forward, our awesome responsibilities, ensuring HR survival.

AARC should educate, disseminate information, organize and train new members. It's our responsibility to promote HR. ARRL looks to clubs and members to lead way in promotion of hobby.

Exposure and visibility is important. Rule of "7's". old marketing idea – no one will buy product until they hear about it 7 times.

Explaining hobby is a challenge, where do you start and what to avoid. Have "elevator speech" ready, a concise statement of what is HR.

Potential audience: hams in area not in AARC, government officials, young people in school and scouts, general public, other service organizations

Why do people become hams? Interest in science and technology, a desire for public service among many reasons.

Where to start: increase club's visibility, expand PR committee, start speaker's group, make commitment to conduct at least 2 licensing courses per year. Each of us should try to recruit at least one new person to hobby.

Referred to excellent video put out by RSGB (Radio Society of Great Britain). "Amateur radio: a 21st century hobby".

Raffle raised \$52.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stephen Kramer, Secretary

AARC Sign-In Sheet For:

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Guests Please Note: Please add your contact information on the back for additional information about the club and amateur radio.

NAME	CALL/Guest
1 STEVE KRAMER	KN4CJT
2 Fen Callahan	KN4T3G
3 KEVIN CUALINA	K4SHR
4 Tommy Moore	W45BNT
5 AL BOGDEN	KF4AGT
6 STEVE HULL	KN4TKR
7 Andrew Wiley	KK4SHO
8 Ben Casto	NX4S
9 Bieran barrod	W44602
10 Dan Shuman	N6NJS
11 Richard Freeman	KI4QKV
12 Bill Pond	KN4WP
13 CONNIE POND	Guest
14 George Antz	AA4D
15 LOUIS COSTANZO	KU4VYR
16 Michael Rein	KA4JJD
17 AS MILLER	KE4ATJ
18 SEAN HALEN	M2SSB
19 JIM OWEN	K4CGY
20 DON EDSON, JR	N44V9
21 Dennis TERRIBILE	WR4i
22 Bob PATTISON	K4DU
23 PETE THORSEN JR	W4PRT
24 ED Beckowitz	N3US
25 Jan Porter	KK4JP
26 Wynn Solomon	AI4MV
27 Jim Condon	AD4YM
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