

AARC Meeting Minutes June 9, 2020

Meeting started 7:04 PM, brought to order by Ed Berkowitz, N3US, presiding.

Meeting conducted online through Zoom.

Three new members voted in: David Lee, Antonio Hernandez, Dave Johnson.

Treasurer's Report by Don Eason:

Beginning Balance: \$22,260.69

Checks: \$0.00

Credits: \$572.24 (Dues-\$57.78, Amazon Foundation-\$18.40, Donations-\$495.89 and interest-\$0.17)

Ending Balance: \$22,832.93

Don will send out a reminder email about Amazon Smile which provides for donations to AARC with any Amazon purchase.

Larry Eicher report on Future Club Activities:

List of speakers so far:

7/14 Michael Ellington on Network Radio, WiFi

8/11 Ed Berkowitz on RF Safety

9/13 Annual club picnic, to be discussed

10/13 Greg Butler on WINLINK

11/10 Alan Graves, Leonard Vincent on SOTA operations in C'ville area

12/8 Holiday Awards Banquet

Field Day Report – Bob Romanko:

Bob discussed temporary change in FD rules by ARRL due to pandemic restrictions.

Rule 1 change: Class 1D can work all class stations including other 1D hams. Class 1D means from your home using commercial power with a single transmitter on the air. It will be a great environment to practice QSOs.

Rule 2 change: Temporary waiver to allow aggregate club scores. We can aggregate our individual scores.

He said last year's club was 7th in VA for FD scoring. Plan should be to get as many bonus points as possible. If voice runs out on SSB, try digital like FT8.

Joe DeVincentis said new release of FT8 software version 2.2.1 as of June 6th.

Larry suggested contacting new members about FD activities.

John Porter said club website has videos and information on FD.

Discussion on various logging programs. N3FJP most popular among club members. Software flags duplicates and exports in Cabrillo format. Can purchase N3FJP version for FD only \$9.

John P. wants to edit website to bring Jim Owen's FD presentation up front for easy access.

Kevin C. asked about class B operation on FD on batteries.

Larry asked for informal poll of club about who plans to participate in FD. There were 14 yes and 4 no. He asked for those who need help, 3 said yes.

Public Service Events: John Porter said there are some public service activities for August and September,

Dr. Michael Rein presentation on ticks, mosquitos have a field day:

Ticks and Lyme disease are spreading south. Mosquitos with West Nile and Zika disease are spreading North. Tick-borne disease cases doubled from 2004 to 2016. Three common VA ticks: Lone Star, blacklegged (lyme disease), and American dog tick. Only adult females bite. We should be aware of leg color of ticks due to which ones carry lyme disease. The white-footed mouse is a major carrier of ticks. Newcomer around here is the Asian longhorn tick which may cause red-meat allergy.

Common mosquitos are Aeder aegypti which may carry Zika virus. The aulex type spreads malaria.

How to avoid ticks: walk in center of trail, don't brush up against leaves. Keep grass short in yard, try to create 3 ft moat of mulch around yard. Can buy cardboard tubes stuffed with permethrin-soaked cotton which kills ticks. Wear long-sleeve shirts, long pants, use Deet or permethrin on clothes. Permethrin is a synthetic version of chrysanthemum. Deet should be 30% and applied to skin or clothing. Another insecticide is Picaridin 20% is almost as good as Deet. Lemon eucalyptus is less effective.

After being outdoors, remove clothing and wash/dry right away in hot water and hot dry.

Carefully inspect for ticks especially around thighs, groin and scalp. Bathe within 2 hours.

If you spot a tick, use tweezers to **gently** and slowly remove tick at head. Ticks need to attach for 24-48 hours to transmit lyme disease. Take seriously any persistent fever in the summer.

Treatment for Lyme disease is Doxycycline which is light sensitive.

New/old business:

Dave W3DO organizing Zoom meeting Tuesday, June 16 at 8 PM ECHO (East Coast Ham Operators) net. Bob Pyle speaker. Can login at 7:30 pm. Length 60-90 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, Secretary

AARC Meeting Sign-in sheet for 6/9/2020

Meeting done via Zoom.

27 members present.

Ed Berkowitz	N3US
Steve Kramer	KN4CJI
Don Eason	N4UVA
Michael Rein	KA4JJD
Joe DeVincentis	KO8V
Rich Freeman	KI4QKU
Bill Olesky	
John Porter	KK4JP
Warren Yursik, Jr.	KN4LYF
Dave Beebe	KN4UEK
Dave Thomas	W3DO
Jim Owen	K4CGY
Bill Pond	N0WP
Connie Pond	
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Wynn Solomon	AI4MV
Kevin Cwalina	K4SHR
Brian O'Rourke	K4UL
Joe Thompson	KN4WJK
Dennis Terrible	WR4I
Ron Richey	K4RKA
Fred Felgenhauer	KO4AXU
Bob Pattison	K4DU
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Bob Miller	W4RBM
Joe	KN4WJK