

AARC Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by Ed Berkowitz, president presiding.
Meeting held using Zoom.

Attendees: Board members: Ed Berkowitz-N3US, Jim Owen-K4CGY, Don Eason-N4UVA, John Porter-KK4JP, Larry Eicher-K4JZQ, Paul McKee-AK4OH, Gordon Winn-WW4GW, Bob Pattison-K4DU, and Steve Kramer-KN4CJI.
Non-Board members: Joe DeVincentis-KO8V and Michael Rein-KA4JJD.

Picnic discussion:

Ed asked for discussion on whether to hold picnic this year or cancel it due to the pandemic. Michael stated he felt it is unsafe to hold the picnic and recommended not holding it.

Larry suggested that if there is no picnic we should hold a meeting in September and try to get a speaker. Jim said we could do a show and tell by members. John said Skip has a 3D printer and possibly could give a talk about 3D printing.

Suggestion is to try a silent auction, either in person or using Zoom. A spreadsheet could be setup for live auction. We concluded that we will not hold an in-person event in September and Ed will request a refund from the County for our reservation for Darden Tower Park Pavillion.

Tech committee comments by Gordon Winn:

He said club repeaters not being used much. Most seem to be in good condition. There may be power output problem at Bucks Elbow location for the 220 mhz repeater according to Jim Owen.

Some discussion about merits of FT8 mode. Paul referenced good article in ARRL magazine, QEX, on FT8.

Publicity – Paul McKee:

Paul stated he has not received any more edits on club brochure so it can be sent out for printing. He said ALC will print 100 copies for \$100 or 250 copies for \$225. Recommended starting with 100 copies of brochure and print more later, as needed. He also has club business cards. At field day we can distribute both. Paul will send cards to Ed.

Field Day – Larry Eicher:

He checked log for submissions, about 15 so far. He'll send reminder to FD participants to get reports to ARRL no later than 7/28/2020. We need points for club from everyone who did FD, no matter number of contacts.

John said we could do Zoom video showing dup sheet for ARRL, especially for 2 meters. Record session for future FDs. Jim said it is easy to fill out ARRL submission form.

Public Service – John Porter:

There are 4 events scheduled. Triathlon events for 8/23, 9/13, 9/20 and Tour de Greene 10/10. We could help Greene county ham club.

We need to help put antennas back on Red Cross roof since re-roofing now completed. Ed suggested we wait for the cooler Fall weather.

More picnic discussion:

Larry suggested sending survey to club asking what they want. Ed said survey response rate is low.

John said we can put a spreadsheet on Google docs and use links to photos and equipment description for a live auction. If done in person could break meeting into small groups.

Don stated about \$23,000 in club treasury. Need to submit paperwork for State registration of club for next year.

Discussion on getting VE sessions going again. Could be done in low risk setting. Gordon said to check with Lynchburg club, they've had regular VE sessions. Judy Friel is contact. Mark Gorlinsky is our club VE coordinator.

Bob said possible Technician class in Fall, probably virtual class. Asked for volunteers to teach class, please send names to him. John suggested we could waive Testing fee for students of our class.

Larry again reminded everyone to please send FD report to ARRL. He can help with filling out form.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, Secretary