

AARC Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by Ed Berkowitz, President of AARC.
Meeting held via Zoom.

Attendees: Board members:

Ed Berkowitz-N3US, John Porter-KK4JP, Steve Kramer-KN4CJI, Paul McKee-AK40H,
Bob Pattison-K4DU, Jim Owen-K4CGY

Non Board members: Larry Eicher-K4JZQ, Ian Callahan-KKN4TBG, Roy Chilson-W1REC.

Ed gave brief financial report since Don Eason not present. About \$25,000 in club account, no expenses, income of \$200 for month of January.

Jim Owen gave report on getting a backup trustee for club repeaters. License is to trustee, not the club. If Jim retires as repeater trustee, then someone needs to take over. Trustee needs to ensure that repeater licenses are renewed at the proper time. The trustee is legally responsible for operation of repeaters. They should hold an amateur extra class license.

We should bring up the issue of a backup trustee at the next club meeting. Trustee is appointed by board and application goes through the ARRL. Jim will research what is required to designate a replacement trustee.

Public Relations – Paul McKee said he has publicity brochures and business cards ready and he will arrange with Ed to pick half quantity of each. There was some discussion about targeting a list of people to join the club. Possible mass email or regular mailing. Scrape database of hams in Albemarle County and surrounding counties that don't have a club. We could look back 3-5 years at old membership lists. According to Ed, we are averaging 2-4 new members per week in recent weeks. Some are graduates of Bob's technician class who have recently gotten their license. There are 345 hams in area not in AARC. Paul said he plans to send mailing. John said he would reach out to other counties.

New cable order – Ed and Jim have talked with a vendor to do a volume purchase at a discount of LMR240 and LMR400 coax cable for club members. Charge is 90 cents per foot for LMR400 cable and 45 cents per foot for the LMR240 cable. Members purchasing cable would need to buy their own connectors. Minimum purchase is 100 ft. Jim will try to pickup cable rather than have it shipped due to cost. May try to get supply of good quality connectors, someone recommended Amphenol with silver plating for good soldering.

Motion made and seconded to provide \$1500 of club seed money to purchase. This was approved by board.

Repeaters – John Porter reported club repeaters in good shape. Greene County Club encourages our members to use their new 220 mhz repeater.

Larry said we should make an announcement at our upcoming General meeting about both the repeater trustee and volunteer to eventually replace Don as treasurer.

Education – Bob Pattison reported he is planning class for General Class license exam in Spring of this year. Technician class for the fall is planned. He needs to arrange instructors for classes. Bob said he is planning a lecture on ham radio in central Virginia at PVCC. He was asked if he could do it for club meeting.

If Fall class can be held in person, Bob said we could do it on Zoom also for benefit of people not able to be physically present.

Ed proposed that club donate \$100 to Ivy Creek Methodist Church to show our appreciation for them letting us use Church for various meetings/exams. Proposal was approved by board. Ed will work with Don to send check.

Ed reported on Antenna committee and said Spring will be busy.

No other discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM by Ed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, Secretary