

AARC Meeting Minutes 6/8/2021

John Porter hosting meeting since Ed is out of town. Meeting started at 7 PM by John, VP.

Meeting held on Zoom.

May meeting minutes approved by club members present.

Treasurer's report for May – Don Eason:

Beginning Balance:	\$23,353.18
Checks/Debits:	\$ 0.0
Credits:	\$ 1,276.99 (Cable payments plus 0.21 interest)
Ending Balance:	\$24,630.17

State report due in July.

John asked members to vote in Frank Haynes as honorary member. He was one of the founding members of AARC. He was voted in and he made a few remarks.

Committee reports follow:

Technical – Dave Damon:

Dave said 895 repeater still out for repairs.

Fund Raising – A.J. Miller:

A.J. said no fund raising activity to report. May be able to fund raise at club picnic in October.

Education – Bob Pattison:

General class training very successful. There will be a Fall Technician class. No date set yet.

Public Relations – no report.

Public Service – Dave Damon:

2 events: Walnut Creek Triathlon in August and another event in the Fall. He will be looking for volunteers for both.

Estate – Jim Owen:

No new equipment right now. He still needs volunteer to be club trustee.

Presentation by Bob Romanko on Field Day 2021

Bob gave talk on what the rules are for this year.

FD will be held 4th weekend of June. Occurs from Saturday, 6/26 starting at 1400 hrs (EDST) to Sunday, June 27th until 1659 hrs.

Hams may work maximum of 24 hours consecutively if setup before 1400 on Saturday.

Objectives of FD:

- Work as many stations as possible in 24 hours
- Learn to operate in abnormal conditions
- Learn to operate in less than optimal conditions
- Develop skills for emergency preparedness
- Acquaint general population with amateur radio capabilities

Rules for FD are on ARRL website: www.arrl.org/field-day

Operating classes:

Class B: 1 or 2 persons portable. Not located in regular station location. Can not use permanent structures e.g. antenna tower.

Class B (battery) 1 or 2 people portable. Less than 5 watts.

Class C: Mobile vehicle in motion.

Class D: home station on commercial power. Max 150 watts PEP. May work all other FD stations (new rule for 2021).

Class E: home stations using emergency power. May use commercial power for other equipment but transceiver must be on emergency power. Use up to 150 watts PEP. New rules for 2021.

Miscellaneous rules:

Modes: phone, cw, digital. Stations worked once per band per mode.

No repeater contacts. Aggregate club score submitted for all individual scores for club members participating in FD.

Note: our club name for FD: Albemarle ARC.

QSO's:

Contacts: phone -1, cw-2, digital-2 points.

Power Multipliers:

<5 watts and battery power – 5X

<5 watts and battery charged with commercial or generator – 2X

<5 watts and generator or commercial power – 2X

2X < 150 watts < 1X

Other bonus points see ARRL website rules.

Discussion followed.

John P. said if any other questions, send email to Bob Romanko.
2020 FD club points were 14702 with 20 entries.

Miscellaneous business:

Larry Eicher:

He corresponded with wife of owner of Panera's about doing our Saturday morning breakfast gatherings in person. If we do get ok from Panera's then Larry will let us know and we can meet in person at Barracks road Panera's. This Saturday is 2nd one of month but wait for email saying in-person is ok. Will still do Zoom.

August 14th is next VE session.

Reminder that club picnic is set for Saturday, October 3rd at Darden Towe park. Larry will coordinate getting food, either Wayside or Misson BBQ. He stated that food prices have gone up and may be cheaper with Wayside Chicken. Asked for poll of those present and many supported Wayside but support for Mission or other BBQ. He will ask for people to bring side dishes.

Meeting adjourned by John Porter at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, KN4CJI, Secretary

AARC Meeting Attendee List

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22 Attendees

Dave Damon	K4DND
Steve Kramer	KN4CJI
Don Eason	N4UVA
John Porter	KK4JP
Joe DiVecentis	KO8V
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
James Owen	K4CGY
Bob Pattison	K4DU
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG
Wynn Solomon	AAI4MV
Benjamin Kidd	KG4EIF
Michael Ellington	KN4BFB
Bill Pond	N0WP
A.J. Miller	KE4AJM
Ed Lang	KC4Y LX
Bill Oleksy	KF4IE
Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Kevin Cwalina	K4SHR
Michael Gilmore	K8RVR
Michael Basile	

Guest Frank Haynes W4NUA