

## **AARC Board Meeting Minutes August 28, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by President Ed Berkowitz, Meeting held via Zoom.

Attendees:

**Board members:** Ed Berkowitz-N3US, John Porter-KK4JP, James Owen-K4CGY, Bob Pattison-K4DU, Dave Damon-K4DND, Steve Kramer-KN4CJI, Paul McKee-AK4OH

**Non Board members:** Frank Haynes-W4NUA, Henry Perritt-K9KDF, Ian Callahan-KN4TBG,

Ed started discussion about club picnic on Oct. 2. Due to recent COVID delta variant outbreak he is inclined to cancel it but he wanted to know board opinions. We can cancel up to 2 weeks before date and get refund or credit for \$60 fee paid to County. A few present felt we should go ahead but the majority thought that we're in downward spiral with COVID and should not expose people. Consensus was to wait 2-3 weeks to see how things are going and then make a final decision. Discussion held about possibility of making picnic just a swap-fest and requesting all attendees wear masks.

Next agenda item was whether we should reinstate dues for 2022. Currently, membership is 145 which has increased in past 2 years. Although a few people can't afford dues, waivers granted on case-by-case basis. One suggestion was to extend membership to 2 years with \$30 fee. Another idea was dues suspended until we are able to meet in person. Ed reminded us that we may have to pay a rental fee for next venue that we meet in person.

Some Board members wanted to reinstate regular dues for next year. Value of membership in club is the activities as well as receiving club emails.

Dave made formal motion to reinstate dues for next year. Motion was seconded and passed by Board. Ed reminded Board that had we taken no action, the resolution passed last year was to waive dues for only 2021. Dues will resume for CY 2022.

Next item was Awards Banquet in December. Ed spoke with Awards committee chair, Jim Wilson, about possibility of canceling Awards banquet this year. Discussion about the banquet will continue later this fall but Ed anticipates we will just conduct an Awards Meeting via Zoom.

Bob K4DU spoke about future training this year. He is planning on a Technician class this Fall, again VIA Zoom, starting in late September. He needs to talk to his group of instructors before scheduling the class. Hank will set exam date based on class schedule. Bob was asked about publicity for class and said he used email list, website, Facebook, word-of-mouth and "other" social media.

John KK4JP. mentioned the LEPC (Emergency planning group) will gladly advertise our class.

Bob said he might do Morse code class again. He would like students to have some basic understanding of ham radio and code. Class is much more about doing real QSOs using Morse code and special symbols. Ed mentioned code oscillator kits that will be sold to interested members would be useful for the class.

**Other topics:**

Jim K4CGY stated he still needs someone to volunteer as trustee for repeaters.

Ed stated that Fall is nominating time for new officers and needs someone to volunteer as chair of nominating committee. Dave said he would not be chair this year but later agreed to be a member of the nominating committee.

Paul said club brochures came out well.

Discussion about club email list and who should have access to it. Basic question is do you want to be part of club or not. More discussion on maintaining email lists. Non-members cannot access club membership list. Bob suggested keeping channel of communications open to non-members. Everyone else disagreed with Bob and agreed with Ed that non members should not receive club emails.

John said if there is no club picnic in October then we need a speaker for club meeting. He already has speakers lined up for September and November.

Ed adjourned meeting at 10:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer KN4CJI  
Secretary